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Chicago and Guests to Honor Eucharistic King

By Eugene Weare.

When the XXVIII International Eucharistic Congress gets under way in Chicago next June it is not unlikely that the world will witness the greatest remarkable religious triumph of the century. The stage is all set for a demonstration of faith and devotion the like of which is without parallel on this Continent. From the remote corners of the earth, from the north, east, west and south, thousands upon thousands of pious pilgrims will join hands in one glorious manifestation of Catholic faith in Jesus Christ in the most sublime Mystery of all time.

It is just because a Eucharistic Congress is a demonstration of faith that its appeal is so universal and far-reaching. Its purpose is to manifest Catholic love, fealty and devotion to Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar, to promote and inspire greater love for the Real Presence in the Tabernacle and to endeavor to make reparation, partially at least, for the outrages which have been committed against the Divine Presence in all the ages that have gone.

Its aim and *motif*, so to speak, is purely a spiritual one. Nothing else, no other purpose, is either sought or entertained. All that transpires, all that is planned or projected, is based upon the one outstanding thought: that greater love, honor and devotion to Jesus Christ in the Blessed Eucharist may be inspired in the hearts of all men and women of all nations.

That is the purpose of a Eucharistic Congress. And that it is which has attracted millions of Catholics the world over to assemble from time to time to participate in these public manifestations of faith, without regard to race or nationality, position or prestige. Because it is a demonstration of faith there are no lines of caste, no selecting or choosing, no attempt to differentiate or distinguish between the great and the lowly, the rich and the poor, the cultured and the lesser endowed. The spirit of the Eucharistic Congress invites all to participate. The call has gone forth to the Church Universal, to all men in all lands, where the love of Christ has touched the hearts of a people and where faith in the Divine Presence is paramount.

The Congress which is to be assembled at Chicago, under the sponsorship of the distinguished Cardinal Mundelein, is the first of such gatherings to be promoted in the United States. Other nations, and other great cities, have assembled these Congresses, but the gathering at Chicago is the first to be held under the auspices and among the Catholics of the United States of America. In the past, many of the great cities of the old world have played the host on these occasions: Paris, Jerusalem, Rheims, Paray-le-Monial, Brussels, Lourdes, London, Metz, Madrid and Cologne. Twice have the Congresses been assembled at Rome with Our Holy Father himself participating in the ceremonies and, in 1924, the sessions were held at Amsterdam.

In September of 1910 the XXI Congress was assembled among the Catholics of Canada with the ceremonies and sessions being held at Montreal. On that occasion upwards of 700,000 persons were in attendance and the movement was given a tremendous impetus. Indeed, there are those in authority who say that much of the great increase in the practice of more frequent Communion and a more widespread devotion to the Blessed Eucharist among the Faithful is due, in very great measure, to the success of these Eucharistic gatherings.

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HIS EMINENCE, GEORGE CARDINAL MUNDELEIN
Archbishop of Chicago, and Sponsor of the XXVIII International Eucharistic Congress, Chicago, Ill., June 20-24, 1926

". . . the arms of our hospitality are opened wide to welcome those of our faith who come here from many distant lands, as well as every section of our own, to share with us the labors, the joys, the triumphs and the rewards of the greatest religious celebration ever held on this Continent. . . .

"Without the genuine interest, the spontaneous enthusiasm and the generous cooperation of every Catholic man, woman and child, we cannot expect to make the Congress what we have hoped and prayed that it might be: an inspiration to this city, a triumph for Christianity and a gratification to every child of Holy Mother Church."

—GEORGE CARDINAL MUNDELEIN,
Archbishop of Chicago.

Outline of Program for Eucharistic Congress

By Joseph I. Breen

As has been noted elsewhere in these columns the XXVIII International Eucharistic Congress will get under way on June 20, at Chicago, and continue on and until June 24.

This is the official program for the Congress which has been set up and approved by the Permanent Committee of the Congress at its headquarters in Paris.

It should be noted, however, that while the official date set for the opening of the Congress sessions is June 20, the activities of the gathering will get under way, in what may be called an unofficial, or quasi-official manner, on June 17. It is on this day that it is planned to greet at Chicago the Papal Legate to the Congress, and his accompanying party, who will journey to the Congress from Rome.

The Papal Legate is expected to arrive in New York early in the week of June 12. The party will entrain for Chicago and, as now planned, will arrive there on the evening of June 17 to be greeted at the railroad station by the Catholics of the Archdiocese and by as many of the visitors as are present in the city at that time. A procession, as a sort of escort of honor, will accompany the Papal Legate to the residence of Cardinal Mundelein on State Street where the Legate will reside during his stay at the Congress.

On Friday night, June 18, in the great Chicago Coliseum, wherein more than 15,000 people may be accommodated, a civic reception will be tendered the Legate and the visiting Prelates. On this occasion the distinguished visitors will be formally welcomed to Chicago by representatives of the nation, state and municipality.

On Saturday, June 19, a sight-seeing tour of Chicago will be arranged for the Legate and the visiting dignitaries. An effort will be made to point out, not only the interesting parts of the great city from a mere sight-seer's viewpoint, but its tremendous attractiveness from a Catholic standpoint as well. The great Catholic churches, schools, universities, charitable institutions, etc., will be visited and examined.

On Saturday night, June 19, all the Congressists will assemble for the opening of the formal program of the Congress. In all the Churches of the Archdiocese this will come about with a Midnight Mass at which, and at other Masses to be celebrated during the morning, it is hoped to gather the one million Communions which Cardinal Mundelein has promised to Our Holy Father as a Spiritual Bouquet.

On Sunday, June 20, in a formal religious ceremony, the Papal Legate will be officially welcomed to the Congress. This ceremony will take place at eleven o'clock in the Cathedral of the Holy Name, located at Superior and State Streets, Chicago. Because of the limited space available in the Cathedral, it is hardly likely that little more than a mere handful of the laity will be able to witness this ceremony. With the aid of the "loud speakers," however, all those on the outside of the building or in the nearby neighborhood, will be able to hear all that is said within the edifice.

On Sunday night the exercises of the "Holy Hour" will be conducted in all the churches of the city. On this occasion a sermon will be preached by one of the visiting Bishops and Pontifical Benediction will be given.

On each of the mornings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the program will get under way with a Mass-meeting in the Stadium, on the Chicago lake-front. This is a huge, open air structure into which may be crowded about 150,000 people. In the parks-

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The Housing Problem At The Congress

Hon. Robert M. Sweitzer, K. S. G.
County Clerk of Cook County and
Moderator of Housing Committee.

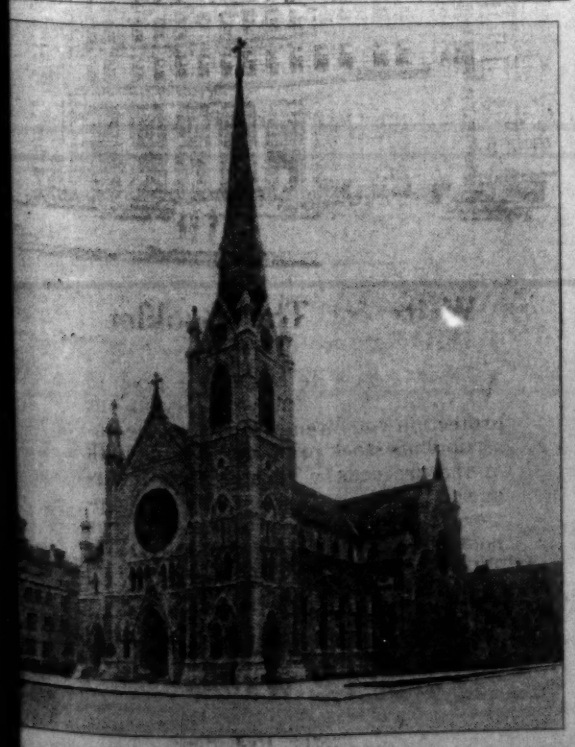
has been a very interesting study
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from the inside. The Housing
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agreeable sort of co-operation
been extended to us, on the one
from those who had sleeping
s to offer and on the other from
committees whose work at some
or other touched our own.

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during the period of the Con-
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rooms. Lodging houses were
to register their available space,
tabulation of these being as yet
mplete. Questionnaires to the number of 770,000 distributed in the Catholic homes of the city received an overwhelming response which at this writing have not been fully computed.

Auxiliary facilities will provide for many thousands in addition to the foregoing. Members of the hierarchy and visiting clergy will be guests at the rectories of more than two hundred and fifty parishes in the city and its suburbs. At St. Mary of the Lake, the diocesan seminary at Mundelein, Ill., additional hundreds of priests will be billeted. The various convents and religious institutions have generously extended their hospitality to such members of Religious Orders as will be in attendance. Persons joining parties organized by travel bureaus may be housed in the Pullman cars which bring them here, if plans being formulated by the tourist agencies are worked out satisfactorily. In the same manner a number of lake steamers have been chartered for pilgrimages. These vessels will be moored at the local docks and occupied during the days of the Congress as floating hotels. Tourist camps accommodating more than five thousand cars have been placed at the disposal of the Committee for the use of those who journey to Chicago by auto. Catholic colleges, academies, and parochial schools, altogether nearly three hundred buildings, will be equipped to house guests, dormitory fashion.

In the face of these extensive preparations there are yet other resources to fall back upon. Within an hour's ride from the hub of the proceedings are the cities of Evanston, Waukegan, Elgin, Aurora, Joliet, and other towns with comfortable hotel service to offer. In an emergency Catholic homes in these adjoining cities could be utilized.

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...r View, Cathedral of the Holy Name of Jesus, Chicago, Ill., where the cere-
...ies, formally welcoming the Papal Legate to the XXVIII International Eucharistic Congress will be held at noon on the first day of the Congress, June 20, 1926.

An Historical Sketch of the International Eucharistic Congress Movement, 1876-1926

By Joseph P. Loftus.

A growth which outstrips the development of any movement of a kindred nature has attended the series of gatherings of Catholic laity, clergy and religious which has come to be known as the International Eucharistic Congress. In times past spasmodic efforts have been made to bring about, in some appropriate manner, a conference, or celebration, which would unite the Church Universal in a great manifestation of the one common faith which abides throughout the world. By a singular disposition of Divine Providence, however, this has been achieved only by that movement which glorifies His Eucharistic Presence, the underlying bond of unity and the unmistakable mark of Catholicity in every land.

Estimates of the number of people who will participate in the Eighteenth International Eucharistic Congress at Chicago, June 20-24, are, at this date, no longer merely speculative. From conservative sources comes information that upwards of one million Congressists will be in attendance. When this figure is contrasted with the few thousand who met at Lille, France, in 1881, for the first Eucharistic Congress, the unique increase in popularity is strikingly brought home. That occasion, however, did not constitute the original assembly of its kind.

Marie Tamissier, who was born in Tours, France, 1834, conceived the Congress idea as early as 1873 on seeing two hundred members of the French Parliament dedicating themselves and their work to the Sacred Heart of Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. Surely, she thought, this grand thing might be done on a larger, more magnificent scale. On the occasion of a Jubilee celebration observed by the order of Grey Nuns at Avignon, France, in 1876, Mlle. Tamissier's suggestion was acted upon to the extent of including exercises devoted to honoring Christ's Presence in the Holy Eucharist. Thereafter the development of the idea was rapid. Bishop Louis Gaston de Segur of Lille, France, arranged that the pious foundrix of the movement explain her plan to His Eminence, Cardinal Deschamps, Archbishop of Malines. This Prelate carried the subject in 1880 to His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII, who at once warmly espoused it, and gave it his hearty endorsement.

Bishop de Segur, aided by a layman whose fervor won him the title, "the holy man of Lille," M. Philibert Vrau, convened the first formal Eucharistic Congress in his episcopal city, June 21, 1881. The Bishop, unfortunately, died several weeks prior to the meeting, but the work which perpetuates his name had been accomplished. Though but three thousand participated in the demonstration, they manifested a spirit which caught on elsewhere.

Avignon and Liege were the scenes of the second and third Congresses in consecutive years. The first break from the French origin of the movement came when the fourth Congress met September 9-13, 1885, at Fribourg, Switzerland. Under the presidency of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Mermillod, Bishop of Lausanne and Geneva, this gathering mounted high into the thousands and drew to the platform members of the Cantonal government and the chief dignitaries of the nation.

Toulouse was host to the fifth Congress June 20-25, 1886, assembling 1,500 ecclesiastics and 20,000 of the laity for the closing ceremony. The Sacred Heart church on Montmarte, in Paris, was the center of proceedings in the sixth Eucharistic meeting, July 2-6, 1888. Belgium received the seventh Congress at Antwerp, 15-21 August, 1890. Cardinal Gossens, Archbishop of Mechlin, gave Benediction to one gathering of 150,000 at that time.

The next meeting occurred in Jerusalem, May 14-21, 1893, and attracted large pilgrimages from many lands to the Holy Land. The reunion of the Oriental churches was advocated here and many of the ceremonies took place on the very spots sacred as the scenes of Christ's sufferings. Special importance was attached to the ninth Congress at Rheims, July 25-29, 1894, on account of the many delegates from the Eastern churches and the discussion of social questions affecting the working classes. Following the tenth Congress in Paray-le-Monial, 1897, September 20-24, the largest assembly of the series met in Brussels, July 13-17, 1898.

Lourdes, the city of Eucharistic miracles, convened the Twelfth Congress from August 7-11, 1899, where a memorable procession was outstanding. A special section of the proceeding at Angers, September 4-8, 1901, was in charge of young men and dealt with the promotion of devotion to the Holy Eucharist and the solution of social questions. The Fourteenth Congress was located at Namur, Belgium, 3-7 September, 1902, and the Fifteenth went to Angouleme. At this latter place the French law forbade the procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

At the express wish of Pope Pius X delegates journeyed to Rome for the succeeding conference, which was noteworthy in the part taken by the Holy Pontiff himself. This assembly, June 1-6, 1905, led to his decree advising daily communions, the "Tridentina Synodus."

August 15-19 were the dates of the Congress at Tournai in 1906; Metz, in Lorraine, was selected for the Eighteenth Eucharistic meeting, 7-11 August, 1907. Here the German government suspended a law prohibiting the holding of religious processions out of deference to the Congressists.

Not so obliging was the English ministry under Prime Minister Asquith on the occasion of the Nineteenth Congress in London, 1908, September 9-13. Under pressure exerted by societies forming the Protestant Alliance the government requested Archbishop Bourne to refrain from carrying the Blessed Sacrament through the streets. The desire so expressed was complied with. This gathering was the most numerous and from many angles the most important thus far held. It marked the first International Eucharistic gathering in an English-speaking country. Eight Cardinals, including the only American Prince of the Church at that period, Cardinal Gibbons, were in attendance. For the first time in more than three hundred and fifty years a delegate of the Pope was seen in Great Britain. So enthusiastic were the sessions and so large the assemblies that the London Congress was declared "the religious triumph of a generation."

Cologne, Germany, extended its hospitality in the year following. Then for the first time a Eucharistic Congress came to North America. In 1910 Montreal achieved overwhelming success, attracting the faithful to the number of 750,000, and making a profound and stirring impression upon Catholic hearts everywhere.

During the period just previous to the war the Congresses were convened annually: In 1911 at Madrid; at Vienna, in 1912; on the Island of Malta in the Mediterranean, in 1913; and again at Lourdes, in 1914.

The International Eucharistic gatherings were resumed at Rome in 1922. The same grand demonstration of faith greeted the sponsors of this Twenty-sixth as had characterized the pre-war meetings. Again at Amsterdam, 1924, the Twenty-seventh Congress was welcomed enthusiastically in Holland. More than 50,000 people marched in the Eucharistic procession.

Now the world looks forward to the

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The Eucharistic Procession At Mundelein

By Rev. Matthew A. Cummings,
Chairman, Committee on Procession.

"Let the praise be loud and high;
Sweet and reverent be the joy
Felt today in every heart
On this solemn festival."

Spurred on by these words of the beautiful "Lauda Sion" Eucharistic hymn, the Procession Committee is striving to make the procession on the beautiful grounds and around the lake of St. Mary-of-the-Lake Seminary on June twenty-fourth, the most impressive and most soul-stirring, the most reverential and joyous that has ever taken place.

Religious processions are to be found in almost every form of worship, for they are a natural and social expression of honor and praise due to the Divinity.

In the eighth chapter of the Third Book of Kings, there is an account of a magnificent procession on the occasion of bringing the Ark of the Covenant into the temple which Solomon had built. In this procession all the Ancients of Israel with the princes of the different tribes and the heads of all the families of the people joined Solomon as he walked before the Ark, which the Priests and Levites carried to its new home in the gorgeous Temple.

Another glorious procession is recorded in the New Testament. The occasion was the triumphant entry of our Divine Savior into Jerusalem a few days before His Passion.

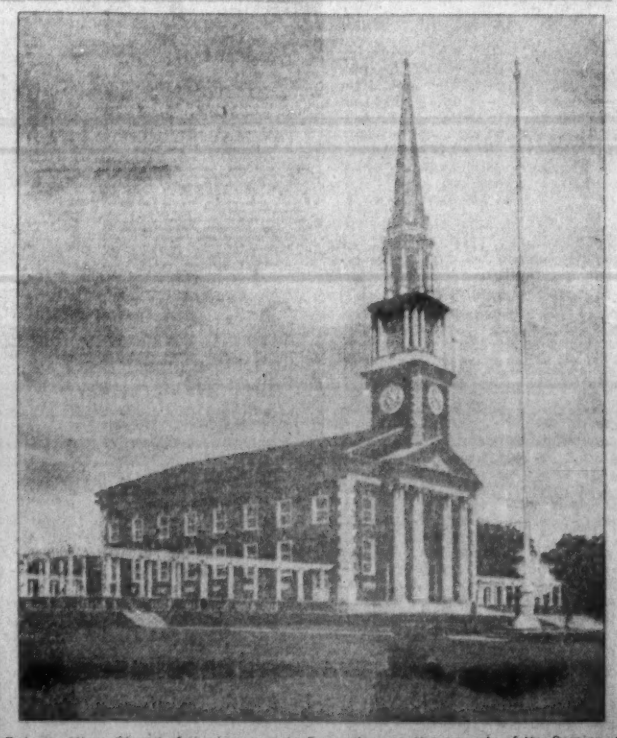
"And as He went, they spread their garments underneath in the way. And when He was now coming near the descent of Mount Olivet, the whole multitude of His disciples began with joy to praise God with a loud voice, for all the mighty works they had seen." (Luke 19, 36-37).

"And others cut boughs from the trees and strewed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before and that followed cried, saying: Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He That cometh in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when He was come into Jerusalem, the whole city was moved, saying: Who is This? And the people said: This is Jesus, the Prophet, from Nazareth of Galilee." (Matthew 21, 8-10).

It is to adore, to praise, to thank, and to petition the same Lord and Master, our Eucharistic King, Who is carried in procession by the Cardinals attending the Congress, that Catholics from every part of the world will gather on the Seminary grounds for the grand culmination and crowning demonstration of the Congress, the procession of the Blessed Sacrament on June twenty-fourth of this year.

Being composed of body and soul, man needs to be aroused by external solemnities, so that through the variety and beauty of the sacred liturgy, he may receive the Divine teachings in his soul and use them to advance in the spiritual life. Moreover, such public acknowledgment of Christ's sovereignty over, and love for all men as a Eucharistic Congress procession affords is a powerful means of bringing before individuals and society their duty publicly to worship Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, to confess before men His power, His wisdom, and His love, to render due thanks for the inestimable treasures of His Real Presence, and to give Him in return their love and the service of a Christian life. Therefore, the grand, open-air procession of the Congress by which we proclaim before the

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Exterior View, Chapel of the Immaculate Conception on the grounds of the Seminary of St. Mary-of-the-Lake, Mundelein, Ill., where, on the closing day of the Congress, the great Eucharistic Processional, always the outstanding event of a Eucharistic Congress, will be held.

A BRIEF SURVEY OF FT. WAYNE DIOCESE

FORT WAYNE DISTRICT

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMBERS ADDRESSED BY BISHOP

The season's largest meeting of the United Holy Name society, formed by delegates from all Fort Wayne parish branches of the organization was recently held at the Cathedral school gym, where the principal address was given by Rt. Rev. Bishop John F. Noll, D. D. Rev. Thomas M. Conroy, rector of the Cathedral; Rev. Joseph F. Delaney, rector of St. Patrick's; Rev. Charles H. Thiele, rector of St. Peter's; Rev. Basil Didier, C. PP. S., pastor of the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Rev. Henry A. Hoerstman, pastor of St. Andrew's; and Rev. Robert J. Halpin, pastor of St. Joseph's, participated in the meeting and gave short addresses.

ST. MARY'S FORTY HOURS CLOSES WITH SOLEMNITY.

Attended by a congregation that taxed the seating capacity of the church and with a number of the clergy of Fort Wayne and vicinity participating in the services, solemn closing of the devotion of 40 hours was held Sunday night at St. Mary's church, Fort Wayne. Rt. Rev. Msgr. John H. Oechtering, V. G., rector of St. Mary's was present in the sanctuary. Rev. H. F. Joseph Kroll, pastor of St. Paul's was celebrant; Rev. Henry A. Hoerstman, pastor of St. Andrew's church, deacon; Rev. J. Nicholas Allgeier, pastor St. Louis' church,, Besancon, subdeacon; Rev. Charles H. Thiele, rector of St. Peter's church, Fort Wayne, chanter; Rev. George Hasser, of St. Mary's, master of ceremonies.

Rev. Peter Geierman, C. SS. R., of DeSoto, Mo., the Redemptorist missionary who conducted the devotion, gave the concluding sermon. "Christ's Love in the Holy Eucharist" was his topic.

ST. JOSEPH'S TO GRADUATE EIGHT STUDENT NURSES.

Three Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ and five lay nurses who have completed their course at St. Joseph's Training School for Nurses in Fort Wayne form the graduating class of 1926. Members of the class are: Sister M. Clarentia, Sister Mary Jutta and Sister M. Albertonia of St. Joseph's hospital; Miss Mauriece H. McLaughlin, Miss Marie Engleman and Miss Marie C. Sisenmenger, Fort Wayne; Miss Grace K. Traeger, of Valparaiso, Ind., and Miss Pauline A. Bonifas of Plymouth, Ind..

In all of the Fort Wayne churches High Masses on Friday morning, March 19, marked the observance of St. Joseph's day. Rev. H. F. Joseph Kroll, pastor, was celebrant at St. Paul's church.

In anticipation of the patronal feast of the pastor, the school children under the direction of the Poor Handmaids of Christ, presented an attractive program in the school auditorium the preceding afternoon. In recognition of the day Father Kroll was presented a spiritual bouquet, a record of the good works performed in his behalf by the children. He was also the recipient of a beautiful lace surplice.

THREE ENTER SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE

On Tuesday morning at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence, a class of 16 young women was received. Among the number was Miss Mildred Grodrian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August C. Grodrian of Harrison Hill Fort Wayne. They, with their daughters Misses Ruth and Dorothy Jane Grodrian and Miss Charlotte Kalliker, attended the impressive service. Miss Grodrian will be known in religion as Sister Mildred Celeste.

Miss Kathleen Haefling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Haefling, of East Creighton avenue, who recently entered the community has been given the name of Sister Ann de Lourdes and Miss Marie Murnhy, of South Calhoun street, will be known as Sister Marie Celestine. All of the postulants are members of St. Patrick's church and former students of St Catherine's academy, Fort Wayne.

MICHAEL REBMAN WINS ORATORICAL CONTEST.

In the annual junior oratorical contest held at the Central Catholic High school, Fort Wayne, Michael Rebman scored first honors. Accordingly he will receive the gold medal presented annually for junior oratory by Rev. Thomas M. Conroy, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Concetion. It will be conferred at the commencement exercises in June. Rebman's topic was "The Curse of Regulus". John Koehl was awarded second place on his speech, "McLain's Child". William Pothoff ranked third, giving "The Engineer's Story".

Other junior contestants were: Edward Henry, Kenneth Bennigen, Robert Huhn, Milford Bell, Alfred Lemper, Joseph Hoog. Matthew C. Drennan, Attorneys Thomas Adrian Hayes and Emmet Rohyans were contest judges.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

MOTHER BERNARDA LEAVES FOR GERMANY.

Venerable Mother M. Bernarda, superior of the Poor Sisters of St. Frances of Perpetual Adoration, left Lafayette last Monday for New York City, whence she set sail on March 25th for Germany. Mother Bernarda exects to reach Bremen April 2 and plans to spend Easter Sunday with Venerable Mother M. Verena at the world motherhouse in Olpe, Westphalia, Germany. Before returning she will visit all the Franciscan houses in Germany.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE LARGELY ATTENDED.

The illustrated lecture, "In the Footsteps of the Padres," given Wednesday evening at St. Boniface auditorium by Mr. Fahey of Huntington, Ind., was well, attended. Five reels of moving pictures were displayed, showing Catholic missions of the southwest and the work of the missionary Catechists. The missionary Catechists receive their training at Victory-Noll, an institution erected by Right Rev. John F. Noll, D.D., of the Fort Wayne diocese, at Huntington, Ind.

FOWLER

Isaac Plant.

Isaac Plant a well known farmer and a resident of Center township died at his home Tuesday afternoon, aged 67 years. He had been in poor health for about a year. He is survived by a widow and eight children. The funeral services were held Thursday morning at the Sacred Heart church. Father Charles Dhe officiating.

DUNNINGTON

Peter A. Morin.

Peter A. Morin, age 62, a Benton county farmer residing at Dunn, was found dead at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening near his home. He had suffered from heart trouble for many years. The widow and eight children survive. Funeral services were held Saturday morning from the Catholic church at Dunnington. Rev. Father Beigel officated.

MUNCIE DISTRICT

KOKOMO

Under the direction of Rev. John Schall, the Worthy Chaplain of the Kokomo Knights of Columbus, we have been having a splendid series of Lenten Lectures on interesting topics on regular meeting nights under the good of the order. The meetings have been well attended regardless of inclement weather on several meeting nights and all who attended have been amply repaid for their time. The Lectures so far given are as follows:

Rev. Father Pratt, Kokomo, Ind., "Our Duties to the Boy"; Rev. Father Huemmer, Tipton, Ind., "The Necessity of the Catholic Press"; Rev. Father Derrick, Marion, Ind., "Evolution"; Rev. Father Mutch, Kokomo, Ind., "Catholicity and Prosperity."

The Kokomo Council is also going to put on a two night show, entitled "Lightning" at the Kokomo High School Auditorium. The cast selected for this show is composed of some of the best amateur actors of this part of the state and according to Karl Krebser, who is in charge, it will be the best home talent play ever produced in Kokomo, or surrounding territory.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in Elwood by a program which was given at 8 o'clock Sunday evening in St. Joseph's School auditorium under the auspices of the Blessed Virgin's Sodality. A capacity audience attended the affair, and all ages from the little tots of the third grade to persons of mature years were represented on the program. The Rev. Father Beigel presided as chairman of the evening, and the joyful spirit which accompanies St. Patrick's Day was manifest throughout the evening. Following the program, John Donahue and M. J. Fogarty were called upon for speeches.

TIPTON

The students of the elocution class of St. Joseph's Academy entertained the sisters and the students with a delightful program Wednesday evening in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The following program was given: Irish Quotations, Chorus; Vocal Solo, Margaret Dwyer; Reading, The Gift of the Gab, Sara McAvoy; Paper, Irish Wit and Humor, Florence Knickerbocker; Life of St. Patrick Francis Smith; When Irish Eyes are Smiling, Virginia Kelley; The Whistling Thief, Julia Spencer; Irish Folklore, Judith Shiel; Finnigan to Flannigan, Alice Brady; Come Back to Erin, Chorus.

SOUTH BEND DISTRICT

The Alumni association of St. Joseph's school, Mishawaka, is planning a big card party and dance to be held on Tuesday evening. April 6. Members are already selling tickets for the event, which promises to be one of the big social affairs of the parish. Miss Kasimir Grzesk is chairman of the card party; Miss Margaret Leyes of the dance committee; Miss Ruth Kraus, tickets; and Miss Eva Robinson, publicity.

St. Patrick's Catholic church in South Bend, of which the Rev. William A. Moloney, C.S.C., is pastor, has been attracting large crowds to its Lenten services. Each Wednesday night a speaker from the University of Notre Dame has filled the pulpit, following a series of addresses on the general theme "The Function of Authority in Life." Among the subjects discussed are "The Function of Authority in Home Life"; "The Function of Authority in Social Life"; "The Function of Authority in Religious Life"; "The Function of Authority in Intellectual Life;" "Authority and the Spirit of the Times."

On Palm Sunday the church will repeat an elaborate Vesper service. The Psalms will be chanted by the sanctuary choir, the mixed choir taking up the service beginning at the Magnificat, Dr. J. Lewis Browne of Chicago, will preside at the organ.

St. Patrick's Day at St. Patrick's was quietly celebrated. The Rev. William F. Minnick, C.S.C., went to Chicago to take part in the High Mass at St. Patrick's in that city, and the Rev. William Moloney, C.S.C., pastor sang the High Mass in South Bend.

Over 600 people attended the penny supper given at St. Vincent's hall Elkhart, Tuesday evening, March 16, by the Altar society, which raised over $240. Circles 2, 3 and 4 were in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Arthur Helpin, Mrs. Ed Stack and Mrs. Blanche Fashbaugh, the chairman of the respective circles, and Mrs. G. N. Peterson, the very efficient president of the society, were in charge. The money will be applied to the church debt fund.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in St. Vincent's church at Elkhart with a High Mass sung by the Very Rev. F. J. Jansen, pastor of the church. School was dismissed after the Mass in honor of Ireland's patron saint.

The South Bend Ancient Order of Hibernians celebrated the 54th year of its existence with a typical St. Patrick's banquet served at the College Inn at the LaSalle hotel. Over 100 members and friends were seated at the banquet tables, which were bright with the favorite color of the Irish, and the national colors. Dr John M. Cooney, head of the department of journalism at the University of Notre Dame, was toastmaster for this brilliant occasion, and talks were given by the Rev. Matthew J. Walsh, C.S.C., president of Notre Dame; Rev. Patrick J. Carroll, C.S.C., who visited Ireland last summer; and Aaron Huegenard, a prominent young attorney of South Bend. During the dinner music was furnished by Harry Denny's Collegians, and John Butler sang several Irish numbers.

Attorney Robert E. Proctor of Elkhart, who as State Senator several years ago became known throughout the state, acted as toastmaster for the St. Patrick's luncheon given at Hotel Elkhart on Wednesday by the Lions' club. His guests for the day were "Big Ed" Walsh, coach of baseball, and George Keogan, coach of basketball, at the University of Notre Dame; John Nyikos, center of the N. D. team, and Vincent McNally captain of the team. Mr. Proctor is an alumnus of the university and is always proud to introduce and fill up his program with men from the university.

In honor of the Feast of St. Joseph, patron of the Rev. John Keller's church at Mishawaka, the officers of the Rosary soceity gave a very pretty party Sunday evening. After the church service the members of the congregation marched to the hall, where the remainder of the evening was spent socially. Excellent music was furnished by Kunkel's orchestra, who helped put the spirit and enthusiasm into the occasion. The Rev. John Bapst, assistant, gave a very interesting talk during which he expressed his regret, as well as that of the congregation in the forced absence of Father Keller, who is in Florida for his health.

The condition of Hugh M. Hayes, a prominent member of St. Vincent's church, Elkhart, who underwent an appendicitis operation about five weeks ago, is not satisfactory. Mr. Hayes was able to be up and around a short while when he was stricken with a nervous breakdown, which again has him confined to his bed.

John T. Dalton, a member of St. Vincent's and the father of a prominent Elkhart family, is seriously ill at his home.

LOGANSPORT DISTRICT

RAISE FUNDS FOR FR. QUINN MEMORIAL.

"The Rosary," a four act comedy will be presented by local talent at the K. C. Hall on Sunday and Monday evenings, April 4 and 5 by the Holy Name society of St. Bridget's church in order to erect an altar in memory of the late Pastor, Rev. P. J. Quinn. Joseph M. Golden has charge of the cast, who are already rehearsing for the entertainment.

Chas. Elpers advertising manager of the Seybold Dry Goods company has been ill at his home on Thirteenth Street.

The St. Vincent Junior basketball team played the St. Patrick's team of Kokomo, Wednesday evening, March 17th. The local team's line-up was: D. Williams and C. Morocco at forwards, Lochlin at center with G. Bickel and B. Grady at guards.

Fred Duffey, Jr., son of Fred Duffey, who formerly conducted an insurance office here, was the high point man of the Washington state high school basket ball tournamen recently won by the Spokane higl school team of which Duffey was a member. In addition to being a basket ball player Duffey has represented his school in state and national high school tennis meets, having taken part in a national tennis meet at Chicago in 1925.

Russel Wright, aged fourteen, was one of the 14,000 spectators of the state high school basket ball tournament held at Indianapolis last Saturday. Russel proved to be the champion salesman in a contest staged recently by the Pharos-Tribune, conducted under the management of John Dunn.

On last Friday evening the Boy Scouts of Logansport held their court of honor. There was a very large concourse of scouts present. Those who have been working for honors secured their badges of merit were: F. H. Parker, Virgil Binford, Geo. Hilton, Attyns., Frank McHale and Robt. Arthur, Dr. B. W. Egan. Rev. Corkey and Harry Watts. Following the court of honor an inter troop scout craft contest was given with the following events: O'Grady's drill,

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NOTICE TO OUR READERS

The following are the District Correspondents:

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We are grateful to these willing workers for the zeal and enthusiasm with which they have undertaken their difficult task. We ask all our readers to cooperate with them. We plan to devote as much space as possible each week to District News, and regret that the limits of our paper will not permit every parish to be represented each week, but we purpose to give every parish equal proportionate representation.



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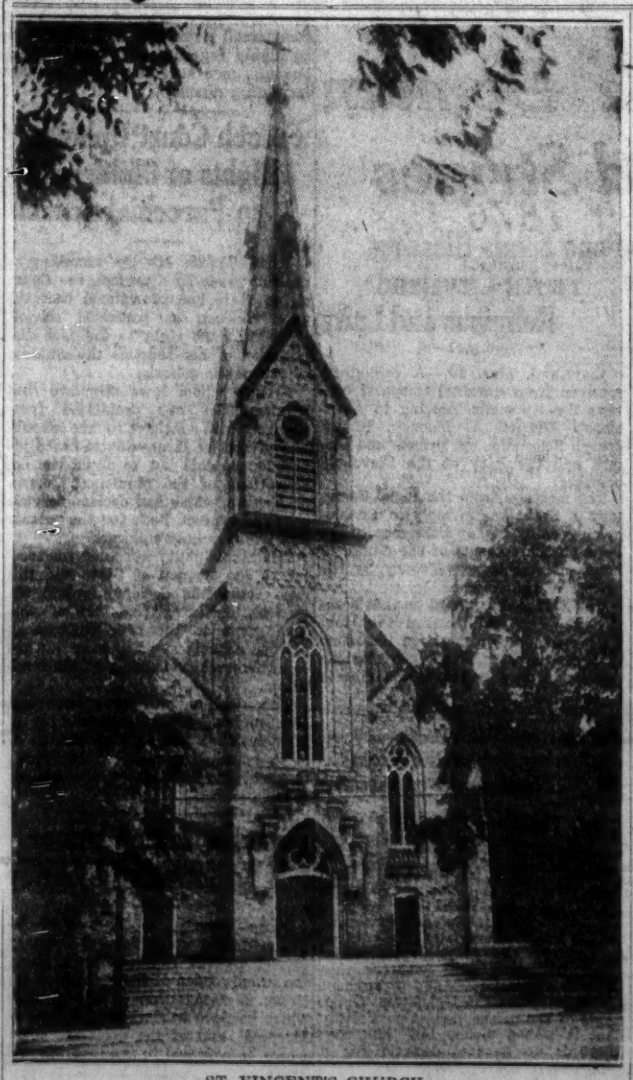
Fort Wayne

Brief History of St. Vincent's, Elkhart, Ind.

St. Vincent's Catholic church in Elkhart, of which the Very Reverend Francis J. Jansen, dean of the South Bend district, is pastor, in its 58 years of existence, has steadily grown and won for itself a very important place in the community. The church properties in Elkhart at the present time, including the church, the rectory, the school, the Sisters' and the janitor's house, represents a total of approximately $300,000. The Rev. Fr. L. Pisula is the assistant in the parish.

St. Vincent's really can boast of 66 years' existence and possibly even more than that if the records could be found to verify suppositions. The first definite date to be found in the church history is back in 1859, when the Rev. Henry Koenig, the second pastor at Mishawaka, occasionally visited the homes of some of the parishioners. The home of August and Salome Ludwig, both now deceased, which is almost across the street from the present church property, was the favorite stopping place of the priests when they came from Mishawaka to say Mass and to give people the opportunity of attending to their duties. Two sons of this venerable old couple are still living in Elkhart, John Ludwig and August Ludwig, as well as a daughter, Mrs. Frank (Margaret) Miller. The William Ringwald home at 1006 South Main street, was also a stopping place.

In 1867 the Rev. A. B. Oechtering was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's church, Mishawaka. Very soon after taking up his new duties in that parish, he came to Elkhart to talk with the few families gathered here concerning a congregation. Among these families, many names of which are still on the church rolls, were Vincent Voisnet, August Ludwig, Joseph Ludwig, William Ringwald, Conrad Weissman, Joseph Messner, John Nolan, William Nopper, Martin Tickfer, Thomas Dettling, Henry Young, Joseph Foy, John Ziegler, Martin Pfeifer, James Coffey, John Singer, Joseph Wehrle, Florence Linkenhelt, Mary Meyers, Sarah Timmins and Chris. Wagner. Father Oechtering, especially zealous for Elkhart, reported to the Rt. Rev. Bishop John Henry Luers, first Bishop of Fort Wayne. Soon after the Bishop visited Elkhart and was so much impressed that he immediately began steps to purchase property. He looked at many properties that were desirable but when he tried to purchase them and told that it was to be used for Catholic church property, the sale was not consummated. Orville Chamberlain, hearing of the Bishop's desire to buy land, induced him to buy from him a piece of land in the Hall's Kelvin Grove Addition to the City of Elkhart, lying out on the Goshen road. Mr. Chamberlain, an alumnus of the University of Notre Dame, although a Protestant, had become so attached to the people of the faith during his stay at the school, that he extended every courtesy possible to the cause in this city. In the year 1868, on Sunday, March 8, just 58 years ago, Mass was



ST. VINCENT'S CHURCH

celebrated in Connoley's hall. After the services Father Oechtering called a meeting of the congregation and it was organized and placed under the patronage of St. Vincent de Paul. A subscription was started and $1,000 was pledged by the members of the new congregation. Plans were prepared and the building of the church was started. On July 12, 1868, the cornerstone was laid by the Rt. Rev. John Henry Luers, assisted by Father A. B. Oechtering of Mishawaka and Father Dominic Duehmig of Avilla. Large delegations from South Bend and Mishawaka with the Catholic brass band and choir of St. Joseph's church, Mishawaka, were present. The Bishop preached. A large number of the people of the City of Elkhart strolled out on the Goshen road (the present site which is now known as South Main street) to see the ceremony. After 100 days, on Sunday, October 25, a High Mass was sung by the pastor, assisted by the choir from Mishawaka, in the new church. On July 18, 1869, the patronal feast of the church was celebrated for the first time. After the Mass a business meeting was held, the accounts of the preceeding year were read, and a church committee, consisting of Vincent Voisnet, William Ringwald and Dennis Brophy, was elected. About $150 was signed and a few days later plastering was started. (Services had been held prior to this time in the unplastered building.) On Sunday, Sept. 12, High Mass was sung with the local choir in charge, under the leadership of Jim Coffey.

On September 27, Father A. B. Oechtering introduced his cousin, the Rev. John Oechtering, as the new pastor. From that time on services were held regularly. In October 1870, 12 children made their first Holy Communion. The church was dedicated on October 25, 1870. In November 1870, Father John Oechtering who became later Vicar General of the diocese of Fort Wayne and a domestic prelate of the household of Pope Benedict XV., was moved to LaPorte. Father A. B. Oechtering again had to divide his time between Elkhart and Mishawaka until the fall of 1871, when the Rev. Fr. Jeremiah Quinlan was appointed to take charge. One of his accomplishments was the erection of a $2,000 rectory.



FATHER JANSEN



ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL

In 1875 Rev. Martin F. Noll was appointed successor to Father Quinlan. His duties were to build a parochial school. Five years later he was transferred to St. Mary's, LaFayette and was succeeded in Elkhart by Father William H. Kroeger, who served from 1880 to 1892. He purchased the two lots north of the church, and also the lots where the present cemetery is now. He engaged the Sisters of the Holy Cross from St. Mary's, Notre Dame, and in 1886 erected the new church, the cornerstone of which was laid by Bishop Dwenger. He also organized a boys' brass band.

After the departure of Father Kroeger, P. Franciscus, C.S.C., of Notre Dame took charge of the congregation until the advent of the Rev. Henry Boeckelman, who came to Elkhart from Delphi. The most brilliant period of St. Vincent's congregation began with the arrival of this much beloved man. He paid off a big church debt, fought successfully many law suits, and in general was a mighty force until ill health compelled him to give up the field for a time and the bishop sent Father John F. Noll (now our much beloved Bishop) to Elkhart in June 1898, shortly after he was ordained, to look after the affairs here while Father Boeckelman took a rest. After his return Father Noll remained as assistant here. In 1899 Father Boeckelman built the new rectory at a cost of $10,000. In 1905, when this good priest began losing his eye sight, he started a big debt reducing campaign to free the congregation of all indebtedness before death removed him from the midst. This was accomplished and he died, October 5, 1906, happy in the knowledge that Elkhart was at last free of debt, due to his careful management and his shrewd business foresight.

Three weeks after Father Boeckelman's death, Father F. J. Jansen, the present pastor, was sent to Elkhart from Frankfort, Ind. He came with the belief that his first accomplishment should be the building of a new church and school, but the church worry was thrown off his mind for the time being, after the building had been re-enforced with new rods and generally cleaned up. A memorial altar was purchased by the congregation for Father Boeckelman, at Father Jansen's suggestion, and other improvements made to beautify the edifice, which is still being used by St. Vincent's. In 1909 the new school was erected by Father Jansen, and in addition the sisters' house was remodeled and added to and a janitor's home was fixed up. Nearly $40,000 was expended in that year with an indebtedness of $23,000. A windmill was installed in the cemetery to enable the lot owners to sprinkle their lawns. By the end of 1912 the church debt was reduced to $16,750. Early in 1913 the church was redecorated and other improvements totaling $5,000 made. Two years after the redecorating the church caught fire and it was necessary to re-decorate it for the second time. New statues were donated, a marble holy water font and baptismal font, a steel and brass tabernacle, altar laces, new stations, etc., have greatly added to the appearance of the church since the arrival of Father Jansen. With the

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A CATECHISM OF THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS.

What is the Eucharistic Congress?

The Eucharistic Congress is a gathering of Catholics from all over the world to honor Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Who authorizes the Congress and determines its place of meeting?

The Congress is authorized and its place of assembly designated by His Holiness, the Pope.

For how many years have Eucharistic Congresses been held?

They have been held for about fifty years. The first Congress was held at Lille in France in 1881. They have since then taken place in Germany, Belgium, Italy, Spain, and Canada.

Where and when will the next Congress be held?

The next Congress officially known as the "XXVIII International Eucharistic Congress" will hold its sessions in Chicago, Illinois, from Friday, June 17 to Thursday, June 24, 1926, inclusive.

How many guests will attend this Congress?

From present indications it is estimated that over one million people will visit Chicago during these days.

Is it necessary or possible to make application in advance for a room in Chicago during the Congress?

It is both necessary and possible. It seems quite likely that many who do not secure accommodation in advance will find it impossible to do so during the Congress.

How may I secure such accommodations?

By applying *at once* by mail to 719 Cass Street, Chicago, Ill., stating what price I wish to pay for a room, how many there are in my party and for how many days I wish to keep my quarters.

How much will such accommodations cost?

Rooms may be secured at prices varying from $3.00 per day in private houses to $10.00 per day and upwards in hotels.

What will be the principal events of the Congress?

The Midnight Masses on Sunday, June 20, which will be celebrated in all the churches of the city and at which it is expected that over a million holy Communions will be distributed; the Pontifical High Masses to be celebrated in the stadium at Soldier's Field, Grant Park with a choir of 50,000 childrens' voices; the exhibition of ecclesiastical art at the Municipal Pier; the daily meetings at the Coliseum and in sixteen halls throughout the city; and the great Eucharistic Pageant to be held on the grounds of the diocesan seminary at Mundelein, Illinois.

Where can I secure further information about the Congress?

By writing to The Eucharistic Congress Headquarters, Cathedral Square, Chicago, Illinois.

THE MUSIC OF THE CONGRESS.

By The Rev. James J. Horsburgh, Secretary of the Music Committee

Perhaps for the first time in the history of the Eucharistic Congresses a music committee was appointed to prepare a musical program for the XXVIII International Eucharistic Congress to be held at Chicago, June 20-24. Although music has always received considerable attention from the officials of preceding congresses, and has played an important part in the meetings, it is believed that this is the first time that a special committee has been formed to supervise the congress music.

The church has ever been a fostering mother to all the arts, but she has probably never been more partial and lavish to any art than she has been to music. For music is so closely interwoven with the beautiful ceremonial of the church, that she has always guarded it as a sacred treasure. Ecclesiastical music has always been considered of such importance in the liturgy of the church that special care has been taken in this Congress, as well as in other ceremonies of the church, to see that it is properly rendered as part of a divine service.

Many of the popes have been greatly interested in the question of ecclesiastical music, and one of them, St. Gregory the Great, instituted that stately form of religious music which has been named after him, the Gregorian Chant. In more recent years, the late Pope Pius X demonstrated his interest in church music by his "Motu proprio" calling for a wider use for the Gregorian chant.

The Executive committee of the Congress at Chicago was solicitous that the music should be in strict accordance with church rule and liturgy, and for this reason appointed a special committee to supervise all musical matters. The music committee was indeed fortunate in procuring Prof. Otto A. Singenberger, Director of Music at the Seminary of St. Mary of the Lake, to superintend the training of the various choirs which are to participate in the different ceremonies of the Congress.

The outstanding feature of the Congress ceremonies, from a musical standpoint, will be the singing of the Mass of the Angels by a choir of 62,000 school children in Soldier's Field, the huge stadium in Chicago, on the second day of the Congress. A Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Cathedral when the Cardinal Legate formally opens the Congress; a Mass to be sung by high school and college students; programs for Women's day and for the Holy Name night; and the Eucharistic procession which will close the Congress will be other ceremonies of great interest from a musician's point of view.

For many weeks children have been rehearsing under the direction of Prof. Singenberger for the Mass of the Angels to be sung on the second day of the Congress. The Children's chorus will be the largest choir assembled in the history of music, it is believed. Chicago nuns have been working for months with the task of training the children in the difficult rendition of the chant with its correct Latin pronunciation.

A novel method was used to instruct this choir of unprecedented size. Realizing the impractibility of assembling the entire body for rehearsals, those directing the work held meetings for the music teachers of the archdiocese where problems of teaching were discussed and the music was practiced. Thus before any attempt was made to train the children, every music teacher in the parochial school system had been trained herself and was familiar with the music of the Mass of the Angels.

The international interest in the Eucharistic Congress was perhaps most strikingly illustrated when a contest for a text for the official hymn for the Congress was announced. From every part of the United States as well as from Europe and the Orient came the three thousand entries in the contest. The Music committee, together with a group of Catholic school teachers and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Hugh T. Henry, Litt. D., a nationally recognized authority on ecclesiastical music, selected the following verses which were written by Sister Mary of the Angels, instructor of English in the College of St. Francis Xavier, Chicago:

THE NATION'S CONSECRATION

I

O Christians, raise your hearts,
Oh, magnify your birth;
God of one blood has made
All those who dwell on earth.

All praise unto our Eucharistic King!
All praise unto our Eucharistic King!

II

Lord God of Hosts, behold,
What Christ's Blest Prayer has done:
"My Father, may they be
As We are, Father, One".

All praise unto our Eucharistic King!
All praise unto our Eucharistic King!

III

Our lives we consecrate
Each nation, race by race,
Oh, may we meet again
To sing before Thy Face:

All praise unto our Eucharistic King!
All praise unto our Eucharistic King!

Judges are now examining musical scores which were submitted by hundreds of musicians, in numbers, surprising to say, that nearly approach the entries in the contest for the text.

It is this hymn, then, that will be chanted by more than a million pilgrims who will gather on the final day at Mundelein to honor the Eucharistic King in the greatest and most beautiful pageant which the world of religion has ever witnessed.

THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM.

By Rev. Charles H. Epstein
Secretary of the Transportation Committee

Every possible effort has been made by the Transportation Committee to insure speed, comfort and safety in the movement of the multitudes which will come to the XXVIII International Eucharistic Congress. As a preliminary step it was necessary to make a comparative study of statistics of previous Congresses and of railroad facilities in the respective cities. The experience of the country's greatest transportation experts has been consulted and freely drawn upon.

Viewing Chicago from the standpoint of transportation by railway and steamship we recognize that it is the World's greatest terminal. As Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., has stated in The Catholic Mind in describing the Congress, "The location of Chicago makes it the focal point of the radiating lines of America's railroads. It rests upon the shores of a great lake and is connected through an uninterrupted waterway with the oceans. Easy of access, it is almost the central point toward which, and through which, the highways of America run."

When we recall that some 715,000 visitors attended the XXI International Eucharistic Congress at Montreal in 1910, the prospect of more than one million visitors in the greatest city of the Middle West appears to be something more than a mere estimate.

The Committee has been in frequent conference with the various railroad and steamship lines of the country since April of 1925. Every accommodation and convenience will be accorded our guests. Reduced fares will be in effect for the Congress; trains will be chartered for specific groups of both seaboards and from points in Canada; every available Pullman sleeper will be concentrated in the Chicago area, and the equipment of the various systems previous to, and during the Congress, extended to the utmost limit; in all the railroad stations information bureaus will be established.

The real transportation problem involved, however, centers at Mundelein, Illinois, a suburb of the city, where the great procession of the Congress will take place Thursday, June 24. Every Congressist will be desirous of participating in the Eucharistic Procession on that day. The Committee in charge has regarded this wish as a sacred trust and has left no stone unturned to insure its realization.

More than two hundred men have served on the various subcommittees organized to provide for the needs and protection of the huge crowds which will attend the closing ceremony. Those committees embrace Publicity and Registration, Police and Administration, Roads and Parking, Steam and Electric Conveyance.

The aim of "Publicity and Registration" has been to anticipate and remove congestion and confusion in the "loop" and adjacent territory. With this purpose in view data has been collected as to the capacity of the various railroad stations, and Congressists will be directed by means of advance information, posters, etc., as to where they can receive the best transportation service.

The function of the "Police and administration" Committee will be to direct auto traffic on the highways, manage the arterial routes selected as the best means of automobile travel, and patrol the area around St. Mary-of-the-Lake, the diocesan seminary where the Procession will be held. This committee has arranged for the assistance of 2,500 special officers drawn from the National Guard of Illinois, the city traffic squad, and ex-service men from the Knights of Columbus councils.

A survey made by "Roads and Parking" has led to the naming of nine trunk line highways as the official Congress roads to Mundelein. Nine corresponding parking spaces, comprising more than 1,000 acres, are conveniently located at the termination of the routes chosen. The capacity of these roads will be tremendously multiplied by the uniform movement of all cars in one direction. State, County, and Township engineers are cooperating in the work of this committee.

Railroads connecting with Mundelein are the **Sault Ste Marie**, the **Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul**, and **The Chicago and Northwestern**. The capacity of the first two is estimated at 500,000 and that of the last named is practically unlimited.

Transportation by the electric lines may be had via the **North Shore Electric**, the **Skokie Valley**, and the **Rapid Transit Systems**. These agencies expect to run trains of six cars each, with a capacity of 600, every two minutes.

The attention of the Reverend Clergy is called to the "Priests' Special" which will receive the clergy only and will be dispatched at some convenient hour in the morning to insure their presence in plenty of time on the scene of the colorful spectacle which is expected to make June 24, 1926, a historic day for the Catholic Church in America.



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CHICAGO THE GREATEST RAILWAY CENTER.

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For a very practical reason the railroads of the United States have taken an active interest in the plans for the XXVIII International Eucharistic Congress, which convenes in Chicago June 20-24. As a matter of fact, the transporation of hundreds of thousands of pilgrims, foreign and American, to the midwestern metropolis represents a sort of railroad adventure—an out of the ordinary undertaking which, through its very bigness, excites the spirits of even corporation executives. These are forward-looking, even visionary days in industry, and railroads do not lag behind. Preparations for the proper handling of the Eucharistic Congress crowds have been under way since April, 1925. What has been done by the different systems to have all their equipment in readiness provides an interesting account of thoroughness and foresight.

By way of coming to a realization of Chicago's unique position from a railroad point of view, we may consider data which reveals what a splendid choice was made when the Illinois city was selected for the Eucharistic gathering. Whether or not one has a liking for figures, some of the statistics here presented will prove highly interesting as well as informative.

Living within a night's ride of Chicago are fifty millions of people, or nearly half the population of the United States. Thirty-seven states of the Union have populations less than that of the city itself, which grew from a village of 350 persons in 1833 to the metropolitan city of 3,000,000 in 1924. An average of 70,000 people permanently settle in the city each year. Linked with this concentration of population in the Chicago area is the fact that it ranks as the railroad and commercial distributing center of the nation. It derives strategic advantages as the meeting point of water and rail-traffic. Through the Great Lakes it is connected by an uninterrupted waterway with the Atlantic ocean; its water front of 101 miles is equipped for fifty-two miles with dock and railway facilities, the Calumet and Chicago rivers furnishing two natural harbors. Easy of access, it is almost the focal point toward which, and through which, the highways of America run.

It is only natural that such a municipality and its environs, its industrial and tributary territory, should have the best of railroad transportation service. Chicago is the largest railroad center in the world. Thirty-eight railroads, including twenty-three trunk lines, terminate at this important point. In addition six electric lines enter the city. More than 120 railroad yards and 65 locomotive terminals are used by the various systems. 1,376 passenger trains carrying 275,030 passengers arrive at, or depart from, Chicago station daily. Chicago is likewise the leading market for railway supplies, and builds more passenger and freight cars than any city in the world. Approximately $10,040,000,000 it is estimated, were invested in railroad properties in Chicago in 1922.

With these unexcelled transportation facilities, its ample hotels, its numerous attractions, and its central location it is little wonder that Chicago is called the convention city of the United States. Figures show that 762 such gatherings assembled in the city in 1924.

From all of which it will be seen that no better choice could have been made than Chicago as the scene of the XXVIII International Congress. Most of the railroads which reach out in all directions from this great city of the lakes have issued descriptive circulars, and in several cases beautifully lithographed booklets, done in colors and with attractive photographs of places where the Congress activities will be held. Upon application these railroads will be pleased to supply copies to prospective Congressists. Reduced rates will be in effect for all Congress pilgrims, although the exact amount to be charged has not been determined at this time. A number of the railroad companies have special representatives actively at work assisting groups of pilgrims to complete all arrangements for their journey.

Perhaps the most intensive movement of trains since the war will take place on the concluding day of the Congress when the visiting thousands in Chicago will be transported to Mundelein, Ill., a nearby suburb of the city. The Sault St. Marie (Soo Line), Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul, and the Chicago and Northwestern lines connect with this village. It is planed to transport 500,000 people by the first two roads, and the third has an almost unlimited capacity. Transportation by the electric lines may be had by the Rapid Transit system, the Skokie Valley, and the North Shore Electric. These lines are planning to run trains of six cars, with a capacity of 100 persons to each car, every two minutes.

The numerous special trains which will bring diocesan or foreign pilgrimages from the Atlantic and Pacific seaboards will mean that Chicago's yards will be called upon to absorb all this reserve equipment with a minimum of confusion. The planning at this time is all directed toward eliminating every vistige of disorder in June. Chicago's great railroads will be in readiness to assist the Eucharistic Congress and its guests with a willing spirit.

HEALTH AND SANITATION AT THE CONGRESS

By Very Reverend J. F. Green, O.S.A.,
Chairman, Committee on Health and Sanitation

The Committee on Health and Sanitation is, in common with other committees of the Eucharistic Congress, working to the end that all things will move harmoniously June 20 to 24. This committee has a twofold responsibility, Health and Sanitation. The fact is the two activities are so closely related that health is dependent on sanitation. The sanitation problem will be taken up first. Briefly then, it is the duty of this committee to see that adequate sanitary conveniences are provided for the large gathering of people who will be here June 20 to 24. At the same time ample drinking water facilities must be provided. The gathering places where drinking fountains must be installed, are Grant Park and Mundelein, Illinois. On account of the central location of Grant Park, which adjoins the "Loop" district, and the fact that Soldier's Field is situated there, between 150,000 and 250,000 people may be expected to gather there during the days of the Congress. These numbers are large and indicate the provisions that must be made to serve their comfort. The committee is fortunate in the fact that Grant Park is in the jurisdiction of the South Park Board of Commissioners, and this board has generously assumed the responsibility of providing all the needed conveniences. To this end they have given over the work to their engineering department, thus removing anxiety on the sanitation question in Grant Park.

At Mundelein, Illinois, the same happy disposal of the committee's responsibility has been possible, because Joseph M. McCarthy, K. S. G., Architect, who is also one of the moderators of the health and sanitary committee, will look after the work of sanitation convenience and provide drinking facilities. Mr. McCarthy planned the splendid buildings at Mundelein and laid out the spacious grounds thus making it a comparatively simple matter for him to arrange all needed conveniences. Hence, the committee is relieved of further consideration of the sanitary requirements and responsibilities.

With the sanitary problem out of the way, the committee is free to face the other part of its task, Health Conservation. Its slogan is "Mens Sana In Corpore Sano", which freely interpreted means "An alert and functioning mind and healthy body." To this end the committee naturally turned for aid and assistance to those who by avocation, education and training were fitted professionally to deal with health problems. That our efforts might produce the best and quickest results, it was agreed to write the Reverend Pastors of Chicago and Cook County for names, addresses and telephone numbers of physicians resident or having their offices in the various parishes who might be willing to serve in our Medical Corps. We have the information sought.

Twelve Catholic hospitals and medical staffs were next requested to furnish information, as to what extent the Congress could depend upon them for needed hospitalization and treatment in emergency. A unanimous reply was forthcoming. The hospital managements requested the staff physicians to keep out of hospitals just before and during the Congress all cases not in need of immediate treatments, and it was so agreed. Then two representatives from each of the twelve hospitals' staffs met with the Committee on Health and Sanitation, at which time it was further agreed that each of the twelve hospitals would serve as base hospitals, during the days of the Eucharistic Congress. As a further evidence of the interest of hospitals and staffs, these delegates promised that each hospital would equip and maintain an emergency first-aid station on each of the four days of the Congress. That entails the responsibility for each hospital to maintain, for each of the four days, physicians, nurses and attendants at the various emergency stations assigned.

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CHICAGO—OUR LORD'S HOST.

Always busy, the great city of Chicago is now particularly busy. Never has so wonderful an honor been conferred upon her, or indeed, upon our beloved country. For the first time in our history the International Eucharistic Congress comes to the United States, and Chicago, conscious of the distinction conferred upon her, is showing every day that she realizes and appreciates her new dignity, for dignity it is; in the month of June the great metropolis of the West will be visited by our Eucharistic King.

The Gospels do not tell us much of the homes which our Lord visited; still, there are a few examples. At the beginning of His public life He made two young people very happy by His presence at their wedding. Later, we are told, He was entertained by Simon the Leper, and He visited the home of Jairus, where He raised the little daughter of the house from the dead. He seems to have gotten often to the home of Mary and Martha and Lazarus, their brother. We may be sure, of course, that very frequently He went into homes darkened by poverty and sufferings, but soon to be filled with light and sweetness by His consoling presence. With one possible exception, that of Simon the Leper, His hosts greeted Him gladly, and did whatever was in their power to show their reverence for Him and their love.

That is what the city of Chicago will do during the Eucharistic Congress. But the honor does not belong to Chicago alone. It is shared by the whole country. So, too, the blessed lot of caring for Him during those days belong to all of us. What can we do that will please Him most? If at all possible, let us be one of the millions of pilgrims who will greet Him as he enters the city. But if that cannot be, let us greet Him every day, wherever we may be, by a fervent, loving Holy Communion.

THE ETERNAL LOVER.

As He comes into the city, He will be hailed as a Sovereign by his loyal subjects. During the International Eucharistic Congress, He will be publicly given the honors reserved for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. All the glory of silver and gold and precious stones will be His, of great temples and fair fields, of silks and damasks. Thousands of voices will be raised to receive Him with unspeakable gladness as He comes unto His Own. All the honor of this public celebration is meet and fitting, for He is truly Our King.

And yet He has a dearer title, one purchased by the shedding of the last drop of His Precious Blood upon the Cross. It is that of Our Savior. Perhaps we can try to penetrate into the thoughts of His Sacred Heart, to ask the reason why from all eternity He gladly accepted from His Heavenly Father the mission of saving us from our sins. Why was He willing to die for us? There is only one answer. Because He loved us; loved us with a love more intimate, sweet and tender than the love of any human heart, for it was a love that was infinite.

Clearly as we see the fact that Our Lord loves us, it is difficult to realize even a part of what that love means. How can He love us who are so poor, so lowly, so full of imperfection, perhaps of sin? Only because His love is infinite. "He loved the sinner," writes an old monk of the Middle Ages, "because no one needs that love so much as the sinner."

As we look upon Him throned during the Eucharistic Congress, let us raise our voices in praise and adoration, and be glad that He is with us. But let us keep in our heart a sweeter and more intimate thought, asking Him to help us to realize it: if He is our King, He is also the Eternal Lover of our Souls.

WHY ALL THIS WASTE?

Of old there was a woman who came into the presence of Our Blessed Lord bringing with her a precious box of spikenard with which to anoint His head and feet. Possibly it had cost her much in the way of sacrifice to procure so expensive a perfume, but she did not think of that. She simply wanted to do all in her power to honor Our Savior. But the unhappy traitor, Judas, when he saw her break the box, began to complain. "Why all this waste?" he cried. "Could not this spikenard have been sold for much and given to the poor?" What a mean, ungenerous thought, almost on the eve of Our Savior's Passion! The poor never suffer when we honor Jesus Christ.

Sometimes we hear this complaint repeated when a magnificent church is dedicated, or some pious soul spends thousands of dollars upon a beautiful altar, or a richly-gemmed chalice. Do not these grumblers know that, after all, a church is the home of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? that an altar is the table on which the Adorable Sacrifice is offered? that the chalice is to be reddened by the same Precious Blood shed for us on Calvary? "If I believed what you Catholics believe about the Blessed Sacrament," a non-Catholic lawyer once said to one of these grumblers, "I'd think myself highly honored if I were asked to sweep the floor of the church!"

That is the spirit, just as "Why all this waste?" is the spirit of the man who sold his Lord and his Savior for the price of a slave. The International Eucharistic Congress at Chicago is a challenge to every Catholic American to do all that he can, even if the effort means a sacrifice, to honor our Eucharistic Lord. Nothing we can offer is really worthy of Him, but in His goodness He accepts our intention rather than our gift. For a heart that loves Him above all things is what He asks, and that, by His grace we can all give.

A DOCTRINE MOST CREDIBLE.

The wide publicity given to the meeting of the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Chicago from June 20th to June 24th, naturally focuses the attention of people on the Holy Eucharist.

While the teaching of the Catholic Church concerning the Holy Eucharist must, when it is first stated, astound and shock the non-Catholic, it is so consonant with the whole plan of salvation that upon close examination all this repugnance vanishes and it readily elicits a very willing "credo."

Surely it should not be more difficult to believe as Catholics do about the Holy Scripture than to believe in the Incarnation, and it should be very easy to believe in the Holy Eucharist after one accepts the fact of the Incarnation. Yet, does not every professed Protestant believe that two thousand years ago the Eternal God descended from Heaven to earth, that He united Himself to human nature, that He lived among sinners for thirty-three years, that He subjected Himself to poverty, privation, calumny, persecution, and that He was finally murdered by His creatures? One who hears this for the first time will be shocked and astounded. But this story of God's love is very easily accepted, because, if God be infinite at all, He is infinite also in His love for those whom He has endowed with immortality and destined to live with Him in Heaven. But, I say, granting that the Son of God did become incarnate and die for human souls, it is not difficult to believe that He took one more step and invented a means whereby He could remain here on earth for the sanctification and safer salvation of those for whom He died. God's love is a personal love, and personal love, when perfect, tends to union with the object loved. It is easier for one who is already a Christian to believe these things than it would have been for anyone on earth twenty years ago to believe the fact which radio now teaches. The ubiquity of the voices which go out from the microphone, yet their definite presence at every radio receiving set, furnish a very apt illustration of Almighty God's omnipresence and of His definite presence in all our churches in the Holy Eucharist. One thousand people may be congregated in a hall to listen to radio music, and each one receives whole and entire what every other one receives; and such is the teaching of the Catholic Church with reference to the receiving of Holy Communion by hundreds and thousands.

Take into account the fact that after His Resurrection and return to Heaven, the body of Christ was glorified and spiritualized, and in that spiritualized condition its substance takes the place of the substance of the bread. Having the qualities of a spirit, His glorified body is not subject to the laws that govern material things.

Evidently that doctrine cannot be rejected off-hand which was held consistently for fifteen centuries by every Christian in the world, and which is held today by three-fourths of all professed Christians. Remember that the schismatic Greeks, numbering 100,000,000, and all other Oriental Christian Sects, which are one thousand years older than any form of Protestantism, believe as Catholics do concerning the Holy Eucharist. Therefore, only the one-fourth, or the small minority of Christians dissent.

Those who maintain that the Bible is clear and easily understood could not point out any instance where a statement of Christ is more clearly declared than in the several passages, where it reads: "This is My Body." It is one of the few truths which has prominence in all four gospels and which is illustrated by St. Paul in the words: "The Bread which we break, is it not the partaking of the Body of the Lord?" The same Apostle warns people against eating and drinking Holy Communion unworthily, because "they do not discern the Body of the Lord." There would be no sense in speaking of eating unworthily ordinary bread, and much less would there be sense in Paul's warning that the recipient of Holy Communion would be eating damnation to himself if it was only bread, no matter how holy, that he was eating.

THE WAYS OF GRACE

By Rev. E. L. Dondanville, LL. D.
Chairman, Publicity Committee.

There was no title for this article while it was aborning and a mighty hard task it was to decide when it came time for the christening. Even now we are not entirely satisfied with the caption so hurriedly made that the ceremony of reception or setting up might not be too long delayed. No doubt that is why so many folks have such expressive "nicknames", hit upon fortuitously in the after years, for a shorter and better identification and in keeping with some quality of the subject.

The telephone rang and someone was anxiously inquiring about the return of a poster that had been submitted in a prize contest to advertise the forthcoming Eucharistic Congress. Artists from every part of the country had put forth their best efforts. The magnificent collection of more than three hundred sketches adorning the walls of Headquarters afforded a most interesting study. There were striking examples of how a Commercial Artist will color contrasts, and well placed lettering would intrigue the passer-by to stop, look and read; bold and original efforts of professional artists trying to convey an idea under the simple rules of poster art, pious and painstaking elaborations from holy nuns with settings of chalices and ostensor and adoring angels through clouds of melting incense. There were quaintly lettered texts woven in figure and scroll effects by monks whose knowledge of a display page went back to the days of the *Scriptorium;* glorious inspirations from school children and devotees who could read the mysteries of heaven but had never taken a lesson in drawing. Some of them were too distinctly religious to nail to a fence, some too obscure and involved ever to be understood by the public and some others entirely too crude and amateurish to stand in the way of a people who invariably criticise appearances before they try to read the heart. Under such conditions it was no easy task to award the prizes and, by the same token, all the more difficult, when suddenly called upon, to explain a rejection.

Naturally, then, as judges have a professional way of evading, we began to give to our inquiring friend the usual suggestions of sympathy and apology that he had not won a prize. But we were not long in finding out that all our good intent had been misplaced. He had forgotten all about the prize and the contest and was enthusing about a something of infinitely more worth. He wanted the poster back as a keep-sake of what had started him on a new chapter in his life. Like most Catholics, he said he had always believed in the Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament, but had never fully appreciated its full significance only when he began to read and study to find an expression in art to tell of its meaning and worth that his heart caught on fire and he began to pray. The bigness and holiness of the subject appalled him. His past indifference and neglect shamed him. The rebuke of St. John the Baptist "there hath stood one in the midst of you, whom you know not" made him feel like one of the Pharisees; the complaint of St. John the Evangelist "He came unto His own; and His own received Him not", embarrassed him; the disappointment of Jesus Himself when speaking to Philip, "Have I been so long a time with you; and have you not known me?" brought tears of compunction to his eyes. He was only beginning to learn and here was a subject that, for centuries, had ravished the saints and, through all eternity, baffles the angels in heaven.

My dear readers, that is how good will come through the Congress. From a thousand different angles, as the attention of men is directed toward the Blessed Sacrament in so great an event as the Eucharistic Congress, God's Grace will play on hearts hitherto unheeding, all too cold and indifferent. So many that believe, so few that yield the full response of love and adoration! Into the minds of those who never knew some little grain of truth will find its way and then for the awakening of faith to follow! Even through the interest thus far aroused, wonders of good and grace have come to make our Blessed Lord the better known and loved and men more earnest partakers of His proferred salvation.

Of all the artists our friend was the *real prize winner* in the Poster contest.



Photo of Poster awarded first prize in the Internation Prize Poster Contest of the Eucharistic Congress. The prize of $700 in gold for this design was awarded to Thomas F. Shaughnessy, of Chicago.

THE HOUSING PROBLEM AT THE CONGRESS.

(Continued from Page Three)

All this preliminary data is set down here as an indication of what has been done and is being done to insure each and every Congressist proper sleeping quarters. The assignment of guests to the accommodations registered at the Headquarters Office, Cathedral Square, is the companion problem to that originally before our Committee. A thoroughly systematized office force has been set up to handle the necessary arrangements. The requests for reservations come in mainly for groups of national pilgrimages from abroad, diocesan and municipal delegations of this country, and unattached parties.

"In some parts of the country the impression prevails that, because of the enormous crowds in attendance upon the sessions of the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago, ample sleeping accommodations will not be available.

"This is an erroneous impression which I wish to correct.

"It is true that great numbers are expected to visit Chicago during the days of the Congress but we have anticipated all this and have prepared to meet it. Our Housing Committee will be ready to provide suitable sleeping accommodations for upwards of ONE MILLION PEOPLE.

"Because of this none need remain away from the Congress in the fear that comfortable accommodations will not be obtainable. All who come will be taken care of.

"The proper procedure to insure accommodations during the days of the Congress is to apply to your local Diocesan Secretary. A list of these Secretaries appears elsewhere in these columns. If there is no Secretary in your diocese your application for reservations should be sent direct to our HEADQUARTERS' OFFICE, CATHEDRAL SQUARE, CHICAGO, ILL.

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In the case of the British pilgrimage, as an example, one of the larger Michigan Boulevard hotels was reserved entire for the period of the Congress. This procedure is followed as nearly as possible in every instance. Prospective visitors to the Congress will serve their own convenience best, perhaps, (unless they intend to stay with relatives in Chicago), if they affiliate themselves with the pilgrimage from their own diocese or a nearby city.

Lest anyone feel that Chicago will not be able to afford comfortable and convenient sleeping quarters to all the Congress guests, I wish to say most emphatically that all will be cared for adequately and with promptness. One might imagine very easily that it were better to stay home rather than come to Chicago and not be able to find lodging. Our committee feels that our work will have been to that extent in vain, if even one person is induced to stay away for such a reason. We are prepared to care for all.

Rather a marvelous manifestation of the willing and co-operative spirit prevailing in Chicago in anticipation of the Twenty-eighth International Eucharistic Congress is the co-ordination of the committees making up the Executive staff. Our committee might easily have been swamped in detail had it not been for the liaison established with other units. The Transportation Committee is of valued assistance in aiding us to place people in those parts of the city served by the best and most rapid elevated, surface and bus lines. In conjunction with our work the Committee on Health and Sanitation is functioning toward eliminating any possible undesirable features of the housing situation. Members of the Reception Committee are associated with us in facilitating the movement of the incoming throngs to their domiciles with ease and promptness. A matter of special moment relating to the sectional meetings which will be held for foreign national groups is the housing of these delegations with persons of their own race near the auditoriums which will be used for these sessions. Here our task is simplified by the assistance of the Committee on Sectional Meetings.

Inasmuch as the Housing Committee is receiving daily communications from all parts of the world relative to the accommodations for thousands of pilgrims, it may be said to have its hand on the pulse of the Twenty-eighth Congress. The number of persons which we took originally as a working estimate is rapidly being reached in actuality. Our committee, as well as every one associated with the movement, feels a justifiable measure of gratification in thus knowing that fellow-Catholics the world over are eager to accept Chicago's invitation to gather in a grand and majestic tribute to the Eucharistic Prisoner of the Tabernacle.

NOTES ON EARLIER CONGRESSES.

By Wm. F. Markoe.

While waiting for "Christ to come to Chicago" next June, accompanied by a brilliant and distinguished retinue of His Faithful Followers from all parts of the globe, to attend the XXVIII International Eucharistic Congress, it may be interesting to recall some of the outstanding features of earlier Eucharistic Congresses.

Twenty-seven of these extraordinary gatherings have taken place since 1881, and, as a rule, each has surpassed its predecessor in impressive ceremonial, the number of attendants, and far-reaching results. Some, indeed, have been notable for unforseen and unfortunate "incidents" which somewhat marred the effects of the magnificent religious demonstration.

In London, England, in 1908, a protest from the Protestant Alliance caused Premier Asquith at the last moment to request Cardinal Bourne, in the name of the British Government, not to carry the Host through the streets. His Eminence, like a loyal British subject, consented to a compromise. The Host was not carried in the procession, but Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given from the balcony of the Westminster Cathedral, while the vast multitude of worshippers knelt in the streets below.

Finally, even in Canada, a few bigots tried to prevent Canada's Crack Catholic Regiment from marching as a Guard of Honor to the Eucharistic King. But this time the astute military authorities settled the matter by deciding that they might march as an escort to the Papal Legate, but not to the Eucharist—which proved to be a learned "distinction without a difference!" However, the edifying features of International Eucharistic Congresses far out-number the occasional, unforseen disappointments.

Thus, in Canada, one of the most solemn and impressive features was the Midnight Mass, "for men only." At this service, 14,000 men packed every nook and corner of the Notre Dame Cathedral, said to be the finest example of Gothic architecture in America. The vast mass of humanity could be seen, clinging to columns, perched on statues and numerous altars on all sides. It was the writer's good fortune to occupy a point of vantage, between two columns on a side altar. The beautiful and elaborately carved high altar which appeared to rise at least 75 feet from the floor of the sanctuary, was a sight to behold. At every opening in the maze of carved wood a human face peered out on the dazzling scene!

At last (for it was necessary to come early to secure a foot-hold in that record crowd) the huge bell in the tower boomed out the hour of midnight; the great organ pealed forth its glad "Hosannas," in gigantic harmonies; and a surpliced choir of 200 men and boys, under the baton of the Venerable Father Bouhier, burst out in a chorus of welcome to the Legate as he brought up the rear of the richly robed ecclesiastical procession as it approached the sanctuary. Two little pages carried his train, and a Guard of Honor of thirty, former Papal Zouaves, preceded him. Up the aisle they marched, grizzled and grey, but with measured tread, and gleaming rifles. They took their position in the sanctuary with the Papal Banner of white and gold floating gracefully above the little band of heroes of the battles of Mentana and Castlefidardo. The Solemn Pontifical Midnight Mass proceeded with a wealth of ceremonial grandeur, and a flood of sacred music that held the vast congregation spell-bound. As the Elevation approached all eyes became riveted on the High Altar. A little bell tinkled, a sharp word of command rang out in the midnight stillness, and thirty, old Papal rifles dropped to the pavement with a clang, and the Papal Banner dipped in reverent salute to the Eucharistic King! The silence was broken only by the soft ethereal harmonies of the organ, that came floating down on the prostrate multitude like a choir of angels direct from heaven! Not one in that dense crowd of men but could cry out with the Psalmist: "Truly, this is the House of God and the Gate of Heaven!"

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St. Anthony, as the champion and friend of the needy, serves notice upon his Clients that they would employ him as their heavenly advocate they must pay him a fee in the form of Bread for his poor. In a word St. Anthony helps those who help the poor.

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Freethinkers Ready For New Marseilles Riot to Stop Lecture

Paris, March 15.—Father Doncoeur, S. J., one of the founders of the League for the Defense of the rights of Religious Veterans, popularly known as "Drac," is to give a lecture this month at Marseilles.

The Federation of Freethinkers has voted a resolution requesting the public authorities to forbid this lecture and announcing that in case it is not prohibited a counter-manifestation will be organized and that no responsibility will be assumed for the consequences of this counter-manifestation.

It goes without saying that it has not frightened the Catholics who have not withdrawn the invitation to their meeting. Meantime many of the Paris papers, including the non-Catholic dailies, have pointed out how ridiculous it is to assume the title of "free-thinkers" and to show such obvious and audacious scorn of the freedom of thought of others.

"Spread" of Schism In Mexico City

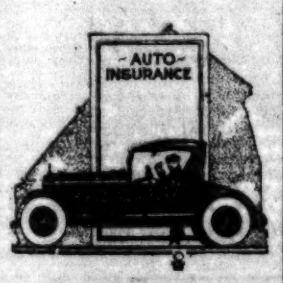
Mexico City, March 7.—Don Jose Joaquin Peros, aged renegade priest and "Patriarch and Primate" of the "Mexican Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church," celebrated "Mass" this Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in his Cathedral of Corpus Christi—before a congregation of one.

Two adult servers assisted "Patriarch" Peres. An organist tried hopelessly to attract passers-by. A woman sat in the rear selling the schismatic weekly. A curious tourist stood for a few moments at the church door. But the congregation itself was one lone man sitting in the rear pew at the extreme left.

Three boys of eight or ten stepped inside shortly after the Offertory, and though the church and the "Mass" gave every appearance of being Catholic, they looked at each other, said "Protestanta" and went on up the street.

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HAT! NO SHOES? SURE, TWO PAIRS. ONE FOR FEET—ONE ONE FOR SHOULDERS.

By Propagation of the Faith Service.

New York, March 20.—The antiquated chestnut told of the missionary who gave the chief of an African tribe a complete set of garments so that he could come to church, and the next Sunday the chief came in wearing the hat, his first son the shoes, the second son the tie, and so on down the line, has lost some of its spice, but now comes a suitable substitute.

It seems that Father Jehan Thomas, White Father of Tanganyika, Africa, had a catechist whose sartorial innovations served to keep his native brethren both amused and amazed. Martial, the catechist's name, had a number of suits or rather combinations, and each as he wore it made a more profound impression on the villagers. But alas for Martial. He had set too fast a pace for himself. The last "Fete-Dieu" was approaching and "Martial the Magnificent" had used all his costumes. In the "Fete-Dieu" each native strives to outdo the other both in fervor and in raiment and the last "Fete-Dieu" being the most gorgeous it is easily understood why Martial was perturbed.

It was evident that if something did not happen soon, the fickle admiration of the villagers would turn from him to some other with a livelier livery.

The "Fete-Dieu" arrived and the procession began and behold! Martial was in his own. The eyes of the throng were upon him for there marched the inimitable catechist with a constable's tunic draped about his noble shoulders and from slender hips precariously hung a frayed pair of riding breeches. The only pair in the whole of Tanganyika! Splendid, but the true artist has always a finishing touch for his work and Martial's final stroke of genius was a pair of Richelieu shoes, hung around his shoulders and a pair of Derby boots on his feet. Acme of wealth! Prosperity beyond compare! An African with two pairs of shoes. Both pairs were old and bore the indelible stamp of second-handedness, but no one could gainsay the fact that they were shoes and the effect was wondrous to behold.

He wore one pair for the procession and the other pair he reserved for the ceremonies that followed.

Poland Delegates to the Chicago Congress

Warsaw, Poland, March 15—Bishop Hlond of Silesia, Father Jacek Woronieki, former rector of the Catholic University at Lublin and Prof. Oscar Halecki are the delegates to the Eucharistic Congress to be held in Chicago this June, who have just been named by a meeting of all the Catholic bishops of Poland.

Msgr. Ernest Van Roey, Vicar-General, Named to Succeed Cardinal Mercier

Louvain.—Dispatches from Rome today announced the appointment by the Pope of Msgr. Ernest J. Van Roey, vicar-general of the archdiocese of Malines, as archbishop of that See in succession to the late Cardinal Mercier. The news was received with general satisfaction by both clergy and laity.

Monsignor Van Roey is in the prime of life, having been born in Vorsselaere, in the Province of Antwerp, on January 13, 1874. He was ordained on September 18, 1897, and on July 20, 1903, the University of Louvain conferred on him the degree of Master of Theology.

LAETARE MEDAL THIS YEAR AWARDED TO EDW. N. HURLEY

South Bend, Ind., March 15.—The Laetare Medal, granted each year by Notre Dame University here and regarded as one of the highest honors that may be won by a Catholic layman, has this year been awarded to Edward N. Hurley, of Chicago, formerly chairman of the United States Shipping Board.

The Laetare Medal, which was first awarded in 1883, is granted each year to "an American lay Catholic distinguished in literature, science, art, commerce, philosophy, sociology or other field of beneficial activities." This is the forty-third year it has been awarded.

Mr. Hurley is one of the leading manufacturers of the country, and has held high public posts. Besides his Shipping Board Office, he has been Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, a member of the War Council of the American Red Cross, President of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, a member of the World War Funding Commission, and Trade Commissioner to the Latin American Republics. General Pershing awarded him the Distinguished Service Medal in 1916 in recognition of his services in shipping troops and supplies to Europe. He also is a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor of France and is a Grand Officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy. He holds the degree LL. D. from Notre Dame.

Victory-Noll



Anton Chico, New Mexico,
March 11, 1926

Dear Friend of the Missions:

New Mexico is a world of its own. Commonplace events out here are decidedly uncommonplace to the ears of our American Catholics of the East.

Our Eastern friends have read so much about the Mexican bandit and desperado in the daily newspapers, and have likewise seen him portrayed in the movies as a deep-eyed, villanous greaser,—always thirsting for blood and busily engaged in shooting up trains and robbing hapless tourists who may fall into his clutches.

Just let me tell you of a little incident that occurred only yesterday. It is one of the many we meet in our daily experiences with these humble, deeply religious Catholic people. I had just taken a number of letters to the small post office across the street from our home, and was returning to prepare our meal, before the afternoon Catechism classes, when I met an "anciando" (old man) on horseback. As soon as he saw me, he dismounted, bowed deeply, kissed my hand and with the courtesy of a king showed every mark of reverence and respect. He then begged me to give him a rosary. I asked him to enter our home and while I busied myself selecting some suitable beads for him, he effusively sounded the praises of the good "Catequistas" to my Sister-Catechists.

When I reappeared with the rosary, a scapular, and Sacred Heart Badge, he begged, as a favor, that I place the scapular around his neck. At the same time, telling me that by doing so, I would become his "madrina"—or spiritual god-mother. I could not refuse him this request and when he had received the scapular, he knelt at my feet and implored a blessing. I gently but firmly refused and explained to him that this blessing could only be given to him by one of God's priests.

(To be concluded)

Men's and Women's Councils Thanked by His Holiness

Cleveland, Ohio, March 15.—The thanks and pleasure of the Holy Father for the part the National Council of Catholic Men and National Council of Catholic Women took in promoting the institution of the Feast of the Social and Universal Kingdom of Jesus Christ, are expressed in a letter just received from the Vatican by the Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland. Bishop Schrembs is Chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations of the N. C. W. C., of which the two Councils are units.

The Councils of Men and Women, through Bishop Schrembs, petitioned the Holy Father, requesting the institution of the new feast. The N. C. C. M. forwarded petitions from 53 organizations, totaling 152,125 signatures; and the N. C. C. W. petitions from 196 organizations with a total of 133,465 signatures. His Holiness instituted the feast in December.

Chicago Nurses Plan For Entertainment of International Guild

Chicago, March 19. — A local branch of the International Catholic Guild of Nurses has been formed and plans made for the entertainment of the third annual session of the International Guild, at a meeting at Loyola University here. The annual gathering will take place at Loyola June 14-17 in conjunction with the eleventh annual convention of the Catholic Hospital Association.

Three hundred nurses from all the hospitals of Chicago and vicinity attended the meeting. Miss May Kennedy, director of the Illinois School of Psychiatric Nursing, was chosen president of the Chicago branch of the Guild, and Miss Mary C. Looby secretary.

The Chicago branch has been requested by the Eucharistic Congress Committee on Health and Sanitation to act for it in organizing the alumnae of the Catholic schools of nursing to care for the pilgrims coming to the Congress. Members of the International Guild who wish to attend the conference and the Congress have been asked to notify the secretary of the International Guild at 124 Thirteenth Street, Milwaukee.

Austria Seeing One Effect of Birth Control

By Dr. Frederic Funder

Vienna, March 15—School statistics for Austria, just published, reflect in striking manner the alarming growth of birth control and birth control propaganda in the country. In 15 years the number of school children has dropped to an extraordinarily low figure.

There is no doubt that this condition is due more to moral than to material causes. There can be no questioning the fact that it is to be charged directly to the fanatical agitation carried on against so-called compulsory maternity, to Neo-Malthusianism, and the loosening of family ties.

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SILENT READING.

In the preceding article on Silent Reading, speed in reading was emphasized, principally because it is a saving of time, but also because many tests seem to prove that the rapid reader masters more ideas from the printed page than the slow reader. Speed is relative, nevertheless, and reading for exact information may conceivably be slower than reading for enjoyment.

However important the improvement of reading rate may be, comprehension of ideas should not be sacrificed to increase of speed any more than speed in arithmetic should be secured at the expense of accuracy. One is worthless without the other.

The teacher may, of course, drill for speed only by drilling on sight words culled from the lists of one thousand words most frequently used, but even in the first grade, pupils should be taught to comprehend sentences without oral reading and to express the meaning of the sentences in other ways than thru oral reading or telling. Sentences that can be acted out or that contain directions for seat work, are the best to use in the first lessons in silent reading not followed by oral reading. Sit down; stand up; go to your seats; give me a book; write your name; read your lesson; etc., are sentences adapted to first and second grades.

A drill exercise that has been found helpful in developing the power to recognize a group of words at a single eye pause, to lengthen the span of attention during a fixation of the eye, is phrase flashing. The manipulation of the flashing is very important, and sometimes very difficult to do to the best advantage. The exposure should be almost instantaneous as a single eye pause is only a small fraction of a second. The idea is to allow time for only one eye fixation. The flash cards may be bought or may be constructed by the teachers. The letters on the cards should be very clear and at least one inch in height, so that they may be seen without any difficulty. The words also should be chosen with great care as the entire exercise will fail to function if the children are unable to recognize many of the words. For sentences of some length the blackboard may be used to advantage by placing in front of it a curtain on a roller.

As the children advance a good device is the timed reading game. The children are told they are to have a race. At a signal they turn to a designated page in their books and read silently until the teacher says "time". The pupils then put a dot after the last word read and count the total number of words. The pupil who has read the most stands at the front of the room and is questioned by the members of the class on the content of his reading. If he fails to answer a question the one who has read the next highest number of words is questioned. The one who has read the farthest and can correctly answer the questions asked of him, is declared the winner of the contest. Those who are slow should be noted for special attention.

Or, the class may be divided into two groups and a space on the blackboard is allotted to each group. At a given signal all the pupils begin reading a certain selection. As soon as a pupil has finished, he stands. The teacher then gives him a card upon which is written a series of questions on the content of the passage read. The pupil writes the answers and checks them by means of an answer card. If they are correct, he goes to the blackboard space allotted to his team and writes a score agreed upon in proportion to the time taken. At the end of the period the team having the highest score is declared the winner.

A blackboard graph of the success of the different contests, excites a spirit of competition and maintains the interest of the class. Many pupils may also be persuaded to make individual graphs of their speed and comprehension, with resulting great advantage.

In the upper grades silent reading may be correlated with all the other studies in order to develop the aims of organization, memory, appreciation. "Yes" and "no" problems in arithmetic, history, and geography provide excellent practice work in the matter of selection. Another helpful activity is the finding of the main idea in a paragraph. Pupils may also read through an entire story and then write on paper the sentences which they consider most interesting. A discussion may follow as to why different pupils selected different sentences.

There are innumerable other devices, such as selecting the best definition; naming the characters of a story and giving a list of the things they did, that may be used by the teacher, who in her wise discretion, will select what she thinks best adapted to create in her pupils a desire to read and a power to comprehend. References: Lincoln Readers' Manual. Silent and Oral Reading by Stone. Chicago Schools' Journal. Teaching Silent Reading by M. B. Smith.

Notre Dame Church Filled by Preacher Of Lenten Sermons

Paris, March 15.—Rev. Father Sanson, Oratorian, who last year replaced Father Janvier, O. P., as preacher of Notre Dame de Paris, resumed his Lenten sermons on February 21. The success of those sermons has been extraordinary. Early in the afternoon crowds of men gather in the main nave of the cathedral to wait for the sermon which does not begin until five o'clock.

NEBRASKA CHURCH SCHOOLS PUT ON STATE-WIDE BASIS

Omaha, Neb., Mar. 19.—Eyes of educators the country over are turned upon Nebraska, where, for the first time in history, the Catholic parochial schools are being organized upon a state-wide basis.

In this state the schools are being organized, first, in each of the three dioceses and then into a state unit. For this purpose the Rev. D. B. O'Connor of Havelock, who has been acting supervisor of Catholic schools since 1919, will become State Supervisor of Parochial Schools. For this assistance and as a step of the co-ordinating process Father J. H. Ostdiek, of Omaha, will be Superintendent of Schools of the Diocese of Omaha and the Rev. L. L. Mandeville, now at the Catholic University, will be Superintendent of Schools of the Diocese of Lincoln. The superintendent for the Diocese of Grand Island is yet to be appointed.

Pennsylvania already has a state association of parochial schools, but it lacks many features of the new plan. In Pennsylvania there is no common council of superintendents, nor is any one of the superintendents recognized as a leader or superior. The state association really only functions during its annual conventions; at other times there is little concerted action.

In Line With Progress.

The Nebraska movement, which bears the indorsement of the Most Rev. Jeremiah J. Harty, Archbishop-Bishop of Omaha, the Rt. Rev. Francis J. L. Beckman, Bishop of Lincoln, and the Rt. Rev. James Albert Duffy, Bishop of Grand Island, is considered in line with Catholic educational progress and necessary for the advancement and unification of the Church's school system.

"It is further necessary," it has been said in an announcement of the plan, "on account of the State School Laws of Nebraska. We look upon these laws as directive. They have given the public schools a high standard and do but guarantee that our schools are up to the same standard. . . . The office of State Supervisor is created to be the clearing house for all matters relating to the University of Nebraska and the State Superintendent of Education. The laws covering our schools are somewhat complex and elaborate, as our schools are regulated by the general laws covering public schools and specific laws covering private and parochial schools. Our relations with the State University regarding higher education, accreditments, degrees, etc., and our relations with the State Superintendent regarding certification of teachers, curricula, etc., are rather intricate. The difficulties which have been encountered have arisen mainly from misunderstandings and misinterpretation of the State laws. Hence the establishment of the State Supervisor's office. This office will prevent numerous visits to the University and the State Superintendent's office and will greatly simplify our dealings with the State authorities, who have requested that such an office be established.

Proceeding With Prudence.

"It will be some time before the offices established will function perfectly. We desire to proceed with the utmost prudence. The appointees are making a special study of the work accomplished in other dioceses which are out of the experimental stage. It will be the object of our organization to introduce the best proven methods in the schools and to maintain the high standard which they have attained, even to raise the standard higher than the State requires, so that the State inspectors will find the schools not only in conformity to the law, but above suspicion and criticism."

Shane Leslie's Novel Withdrawn by Him With An Apology

London, March 18.—Following its condemnation by the Catholic Bishop of Northampton, Shane Leslie has withdrawn his novel, "The Cantab," and has sent his regrets at having written certain parts of it.

Had he not done so, it has become known, the book would have been attacked by the Public Prosecutor.

When the book came up in court, the Director of Public Prosecutions asked for a search warrant in connection with it. The magistrate, after reading it, said a great deal of it was inoffensive but that some passages were so gross he would not hesitate to issue the process. He thought it best, however, that the book be withdrawn through public pressure rather than by legal proceedings.

Nuns Use Radio To Find Relatives Of Dying Man

Newark, Mar. 15.—When, several days ago, it appeared that Nenzelos Prochasa, 80 years old, would die of pneumonia in an institution conducted here by the Little Sisters of the Poor, the nuns resorted to radio to locate his relatives. Prochasa had made his home at the institution for ten years and all other efforts to locate his kin had failed.

Station WOR was appealed to and Prochasa's son Joseph and daughter Anna picked up the etherized message on their radio set at home in this city. They had not visited their parent for several months, but hurried to the home in response to the message from the air. The nuns now report that the patient's condition is much improved

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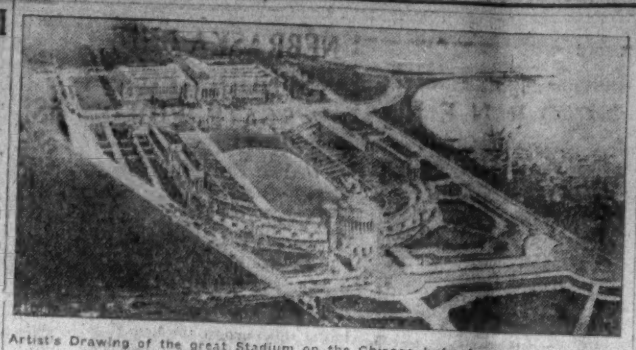
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Twenty-eighth Congress that Chicago announces for next June. Local gatherings of Eucharistic leagues, confraternities, etc., have greatly aided the spread of this devotion to the Mystery of Christ's Divine Presence. They have preceded the Congress in almost every nation. In the United States the first recorded meeting of this character was held at St. Louis in 1901. Since that time many American cities have assembled such gatherings, but Chicago has the honor of convening the first such International event in this country.

In order to carry on the movement with unbroken continuity and insure experienced personnel at the head of the Congresses, there is a Permanent Committee of the International Eucharistic Congresses. The presidents under whom the project has made its amazing strides were: Bishop Gaston de Segur, of Lille; Archbishop de La Bouillerie, titular of Perga and coadjutor of Bordeaux; Archbishop Duquesnay, of Cambrai; Cardinal Mermillod, Bishop of Lausanne and Geneva; Bishop Doutreloux, of Liege. On the committee at present are Bishop Thomas Heylen of Namur, Belgium, president, and Count D'Yanville, Paris, secretary. Both these officials will be at the Twenty-eighth Congress at Chicago. Other members of the committee reside in different parts of the world, each promoting the spirit of the movement in his respective sphere.

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Artist's Drawing of the great Stadium on the Chicago Lake front, where many of the assemblies and ceremonies of the Congress will be held.

CHICAGO AND GUESTS TO HONOR EUCHARISTIC KING.

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At Chicago next June it is expected that something like *one million visitors* will convene for the Congress. And, if present indications mean anything, the figure is not over stated. Already there are evidences at hand to indicate that almost every nation in the world will have its representative, leading the way. It is now known that there will be priests from India and nuns from Japan, lay brothers from Canada and lay catechists from the Argentine; Bishops from Australia and Mitred Abbots from the Near East. It is expected that there will be about 25 Cardinals, 50 Archbishops and more than 250 Bishops. Plans are being made to fittingly welcome and care for almost 8,000 priests.

From foreign lands, official national pilgrimage groups will come: from Ireland, England, Scotland, Holland, Belgium, France, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Czecho-Slovakia, Hungary, Austria, Jugo-Slavia, Italy and Switzerland. An enormous group will come from Canada; another great group from Mexico, under the leadership of the Archbishop of Mexico City who is now being unjustly persecuted by the Mexican government; substantial numbers will come as representatives from the Republic of Colombia in South America, from Brazil, Uruguay, Chile and the Argentine Republic.

More than 70 dioceses of the United States will be represented at Chicago by a special diocesan group. In addition to these various other groups of Sodalists, Holy Name men, Knights of Columbus, Daughters of Isabella, Ladies of Isabella, Catholic Daughters of America, Catholic Order of Foresters and others will journey to Chicago in special parties.

The arrangements to care for these great numbers are being carefully planned and supervised by about 25 special committees of both priests and laymen of Chicago. These committees have been at work for more than a year and have sought to anticipate every possible contingency. Elsewhere in these columns the particular tasks of these various committees is dealt with at some length; from all of which it will be seen that nothing has been left undone that might add to the comfort, health, safety and entertainment of those who make the journey to the city next June.

Though no specific agreement has been reached at this writing regarding specially reduced fares on the railroads it is known that a reduced fare will prevail. The exact reduction to be allowed from all points within the United States will be announced shortly.

Because of the great task involved in properly and confortably housing the great crowd of visitors expected to attend the Congress it is suggested that all those who plan to journey to Chicago, unless they will travel with an organized group, apply *at once* for their reservations. This application should state clearly the date of arrival in Chicago and the date on which departure is planned, the sex of the applicant and the amount the applicant is willing to pay for each day's lodging. It should be noted that all reservations allow for sleeping accommodations only. The rates to be charged in private homes vary from $1.00 per night to $3.00 according to the location and general desirability of the room. For accommodations in hotels the regular hotel rates shall prevail without any increase whatever. These vary from $3.00 per night up to $5.00, $7.00 and $8.00 in the higher-priced hosteleries. Single rooms are not available. In some cases, especially in the hotels, it will be necessary that two, and sometimes three, persons will be asked to occupy the same room. But in all cases the accommodations allotted by the Housing Committee will be clean, comfortable and in desirable quarters.

Special accommodations will be made for automobilists desiring to camp in or near to the city. It should be noted, however, that automobile travel in the congested parts of the city will be discouraged during the days of the Congress.

Information regarding the Congress may be obtained from your local Diocesan Secretary whose name is set forth in another column. If the name of your Diocesan Secretary does not appear on this list, you are asked to communicate with the Headquarters' Committee, XXVIII International Eucharistic Congress, Cathedral Square, Chicago. Specific Information regarding accommodations during the days of the Congress should be marked plainly, "Housing Committee" and sent to the Cathedral Square address.

In an effort to facilitate the arrival and departure of the crowds who come to the Congress, and to confortably locate all, it is suggested that those who can do so, endeavor to arrive in Chicago about June 16, 17 or 18. It is deemed unwise to plan your arrival later than Friday, June 18, despite the fact that the formal exercises of the Congress will not get under way until midnight on Saturday, June 19.

By the same token, it is urged that as many as can do so plan to delay their departure from the city beyond June 24, the closing day of the sessions. It is reasonable to expect that much difficulty will be avoided if the arrival and departure of the Congressists be not fixed specifically for exact dates.

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS AT MUNDELEIN.

By Hon. Joe W. McCarthy
Supervising Architect, University St. Mary-of-the-Lake.

An ideal commission was awarded the architect in 1919 when Cardinal Mundelein selected him to build his Seminary at Mundelein, Ill., where the Great Procession of the Twenty-eighth International Eucharistic Congress will be held. An unusually interesting problem was presented; the situation was unsurpassed, and the client was determined to carry on the work to completion.

It is unnecessary to state here that the Archiepiscopal admonition to work out the scheme in a "leisurely manner" was totally disregarded. The architect worked in a fever of enthusiastic haste and a fervor of interest to lay out on paper the instructions he had received and to present it for criticism, which he did after three months' study. Three days later the architect was summoned to appear before his Eminence, who ordered him to make a few minor corrections in the general plan and to prepare working drawings for the construction of the project in sections.

The architectural and landscape scheme of this institution is probably the first of its kind to be fully recorded in working drawings before a shovel of earth was turned over in its construction. This scheme is founded on a Latin cross, the foot of which commences in the lake and extends up, and westerly, through the Boathouse, the Terrace, the Mall and the Plaza of the Immaculate Conception, where stands the marble monument to the patron saint of the institution and where the arms of the cross extend equidistant to the North and South on the Principal Avenue. The shaft of the Cross continues through the Plaza and is terminated with the Chapel, the foremost of the buildings at the Seminary.

The principal seminary buildings stretch out on each arm of the cross away from the Chapel. The Chapel is the center and is an adaptation of the exterior of the old Lyme Church in Connecticut, the interior of which is done in the style of Robert Adam. On either side of the Chapel will be built the Library and the Administration buildings, twin structures modeled after the old Pennsylvania State House, better known as Independence Hall. Beyond each of these buildings are the twin Halls of Theology and Philosophy, copied after a type of Virginia architecture.

Next comes the twin dormitories one at the south for the students of philosophy and one at the north for the students of theology. These are Dutch colonial in character. So, too, are the Sisters' Convent and Infirmary at the southern tip of the cross and the Faculty House (not yet erected at the opposite end of the cross. These two latter buildings face each other.

Across the Principal Avenue and directly opposite and facing the dormitories previously mentioned are the Gymnasium and the Auditorium, two buildings somewhat Southern in character. Behind the Chapel and west of it is the Refectory, a southern Colonial pavilion pierced with many openings and rather a cheerful place for the important function of dining.

West and back of this formal array of structures grouped along and about this cruciform plan are such buildings as the Greenhouses, the Laundry, the Storage Warehouse, and the Power House, where the energy for light, power, heat and refrigeration is generated.

OUTLINE OF PROGRAM FOR EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS.

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space adjoining the structure there is standing-space for almost 200,000 persons. Those, who may be unable to get into the Stadium proper, may follow the proceeding with the aid of the microphone and the "loud speakers."

These morning Mass-meetings will be called to order at ten o'clock. At each there will be formal addresses by at least four distinguished orators, the particular subjects to be discussed being a part of the general topic of the Congress which has been selected by Our Holy Father and has to do with "The Blessed Eucharist and Christian Life." Following these formal addresses, a Pontifical Mass will be sung by one of the visiting Cardinals and a sermon preached by a noteworthy pulpit orator.

On Monday morning, the choir of the Mass will be made up of about 60,000 children from the parochial schools of the city. This great choir, which is believed to be the largest ever assembled in modern times, will chant the simple "Mass of the Angels," the work of a pious Irish monk and one of the finest specimens of plain chant in all the world.

Each afternoon at two-thirty and each night at eight-thirty on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the principal meetings of the Congress will be held in the Coliseum. On these occasions there will be formal addresses and discussions by a number of distinguished orators, not only from the United States and Canada but from a dozen of the European nations as well. Simultaneously with these meetings in the Coliseum, a series of Sectional Meetings will be held in twenty different halls in various parts of the city of Chicago. These Sectional gatherings will be given over to the various language groups in attendance upon the sessions. Special meetings will be held in the language, of the Poles, the French, the Germans, the Italians, the Spanish, Mexicans and a number of the South Americans; the Hungarians, the Czechs, the Slovaks, the Slovenes, the Dutch and the Portuguese. To these meetings there have been invited distinguished scholars and teachers from all parts of the world who will discuss the general subject of the Congress in a dozen different tongues.

On Tuesday night, in the Stadium, in addition and quite apart from the meeting in the Coliseum, an open-air rally will be held for men only. This meeting will be under the auspices of the Chicago branch of the Holy Name Society and here, again, distinguished orators will deliver the addresses.

Monday has been set apart as "Children's Day;" Tuesday is given over to the laity, to the men and women and their specific interests; and Wednesday is to be "Higher Education" day. On each of these days the exercises and the discussions will be conducted with a peculiar appeal to those thus singularly honored.

In connection with the sessions of the Congress an important exhibition of ecclesiastical art and architecture will be held on the Municipal Pier to which all will be invited. This exhibition will include ecclesiastical ware such as altars, sacred vessels, vestments, ornaments, etc. In addition there will be an interesting study in graphs telling the story of Catholic education in the United States, its beginning, its stupendous growth, and its present status.

On Thursday, the closing day of the Congress, the great Eucharistic Procession which is always the outstanding event of a Eucharistic Congress will be held, not in the city of Chicago, but rather out in the country, far from the noise and confusion of the city and the ever-present danger of conflict or outrage. Near to the city and close by the little village formerly called Area, but which now bears the name of Chicago's beloved Cardinal Mundelein, there stands the Seminary of St. Mary-of-the-Lake which is, beyond question, the very finest theological seminary in all the world. Here, in the heart of a beautiful stretch of park-land are set down seven magnificent buildings and a wide-stretching esplanade all facing upon a delightfully attractive natural lake, around which there winds miles and miles of finely paved roads, the whole making up a setting that is indescribably beautiful.

Here, in this setting, the Eucharistic Procession of the Chicago Congress will be held. No more fitting spot for such a demonstration could be found. Mass will be celebrated on the shores of the lake, followed by a sermon to be delivered by one of our Cardinals. Then will follow the Procession which, many predict, will be the most colorful, moving and profoundly impressive demonstration of modern times. It is not unlikely that never before, outside the city of Rome, will there have been a greater gathering of clergy and ecclesiastics. The sight will be well worth going miles to view.

And all this, as has been suggested elsewhere in these pages, as a demonstration of our Catholic love and devotion to Our Divine Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, Who is there among us, even those of the halt, the maimed and the blind, who will absent themselves from participation in this magnificent ceremony? Surely, indeed, as it has been said, the XXVIII International Eucharistic Congress will afford our American Catholics the opportunity unparalleled for a manifestation of faith and love, which has never before been theirs and which, possibly, will never come again in the life-time of most of us of the present generation.

May it well be said, that, God willing, no Catholic in the land will be absent himself, without grave cause, from this memorable assembly.

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION AT MUNDELEIN.

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whole world the name, the fame, and the reign of our Eucharistic Lord and King.

Hence, Chicago's ambition to offer to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament the greatest reception He has ever received on earth; and this, not in the small aisles of a sacred temple, but under the blue canopy of Heaven, in the presence of hundreds of thousands of the faithful, and accompanied by that pomp and splendor with which the Church delights to surround the worship of God, and which are her children's tokens of faith and love and therefore pleasing to the Eucharistic Lord.

Amid flowers and trees, lighted torches and brilliant banners, along the winding road that skirts the beautiful lake of St. Mary's Seminary, between long lines of adoring thousands, the procession will wend its way, while trained choirs, stationed along the road, will sing joyfully the praises of Christ in the Eucharist.

Led by the cross-bearer who carries the Christians' standard, one representative unit will follow another in a spectacle of devotion, of splendor and glorious pageantry. Lay confraternities with insignia and banners, religious orders of priests in cassock and surplice or in the colorful habits of their order, secular priests in brilliant vestments proceeding in majestic array under the bright sky, prelates, Bishops and Archbishops, each in their distinctive processional dress, Cardinals in red robes glittering under the rays of a June sun, the Cardinal Legate who is personal representative of Christ's Vicar on earth, then the Eucharistic Lord carried aloft in the jeweled monstrance and for Whom all the honor, praise and thanksgiving are intended.

Among the many indulgences to be gained on the occasion of an International Eucharistic Congress, Pope Pius XI granted a plenary indulgence to all those who assist religiously at the solemn triumphal procession of the Eucharist at the close of the Congress, and a plenary indulgence to those who piously receive the Apostolic Benediction granted at the close of the Congress.

"And when He was come into Jerusalem, the whole city was moved, saying: Who is This? And the people said: This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth of Galilee." (Matthew 21, 10-11).



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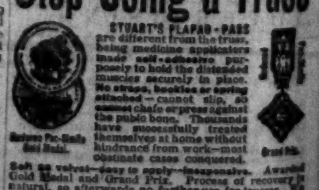
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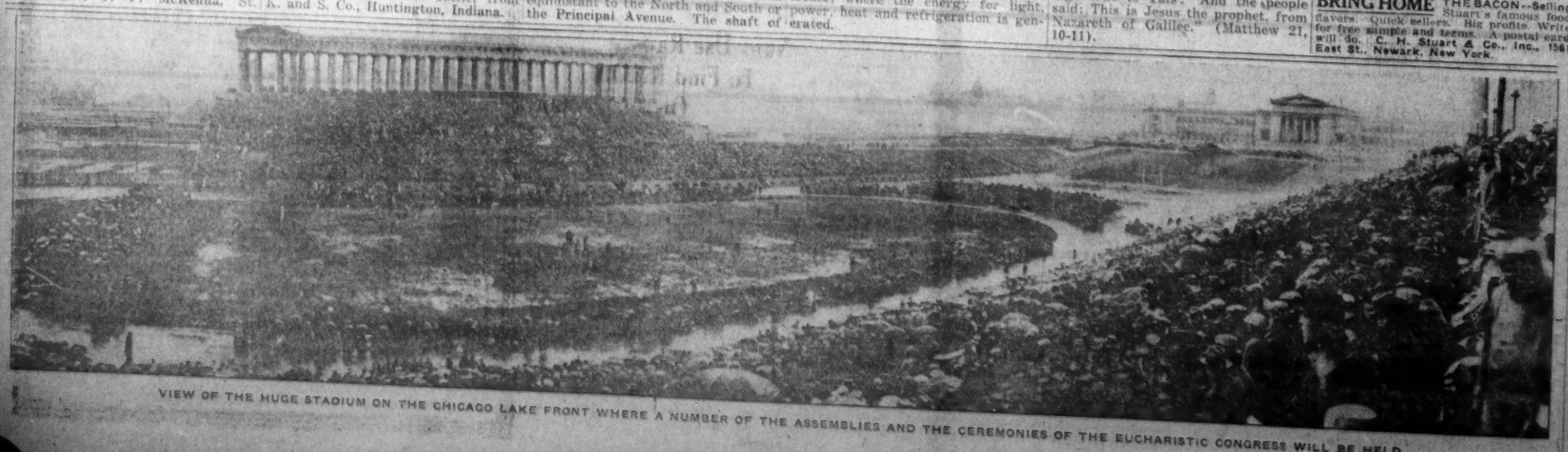
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